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The follow up end of Summer letter to elected officials regarding noise barriers went to the following:

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6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Frank P. Casula
Mayor
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Laurel MD 20707-2502

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh
Senate of Maryland
Suite 800 West
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Bethesda MD 20814-3202

The Honorable Gilbert J. Genn
Maryland House of Delegates
7000 Fawn Trail Court
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The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater
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The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp
Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable Michael R. Gordon
Maryland House of Delegates
416 Hungerford Drive
Rockville MD 20850-4127

The Honorable Leo E. Green
Senate of Maryland
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Bowie MD 20715-3198

The Honorable Sharon Grosfeld
Maryland House of Delegates
9906 Old Spring Road
Kensington MD 20895-3235

The Honorable John Adams Hurson
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The Honorable James M. Kelly
Maryland House of Delegates
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Towson MD 21286-7842

The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850

The Honorable Richard La Vay
Maryland House of Delegates
405 Lowe House Office Building
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The Honorable Constance A. Morella
U.S. House of Representatives
Suite 507
51 Monroe Street
Rockville MD 20850

The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim
Maryland House of Delegates
Suite 100
8 Park Center Court
Owings Mills MD 21117-5609

The Honorable Marilyn J. Praisner
President
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Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850

The Honorable Jean W. Roesser
Senate of Maryland
308 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
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The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen, Jr.
Senate of Maryland
304 James Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Albert R. Wynn
Member
U.S. House of Representatives
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October 29, 1997

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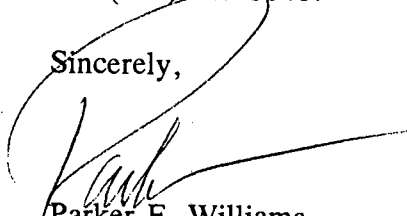
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Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design

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Anne Arundel County Council
P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis MD 21401

Mr. David W. Doar
Ms. Marjorie S. Klein
8225 Stone Tail Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Ms. Ileana Fleishman
8204 Stone Trail Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Mr. John J. Gillon, Jr.
2921 Stanton Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20910-1218

Mr. Thomas Harman
3641 Sylvan Lane
Ellicott City MD 21043

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Havrilko
6370 Lawyers Hill Road
Elkridge MD 21075

Mr. Miles M. Heater
4614 Westhill Road
Ellicott City MD 21043

Mr. Philip R. Hertz
10700 Lady Slipper Terrace
North Bethesda MD 20852

Mr. David Hussong
Ms. Amy R. Hussong
8215 Stone Trail Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Mrs. Surinder K. Juneja
President for the Residents of
Timberlawn South and
Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's
Association
10734 Pine Haven Terrace
N. Bethesda MD 20852

Mr. Marvin Katz
7506 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Kelly
7606 Hamilton Spring Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Ms. Paula Titus Laboy
Carderock Springs Citizens Association
P.O. Box 34831
Bethesda MD 20827

Mr. Steven Landsman
Property Manager
Abaris Realty, Inc.
11820 Parklawn Drive
Suite 110
Rockville MD 20852

Ms. Barbara B. Langhoff
7511 Hamilton Spring Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Mr. Barry Malter
7334 Heatherhill Court
Bethesda MD 20817

Mr. Joseph P. Martin
7224 Longwood Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Ms. Sonja Macy McHugh
2920 Newcastle Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20910

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Mr. James F. Miller
2922 Stanton Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20910-1217

Ms. Pom O'Neill
10710 Pine Haven Terrace
Rockville MD 20852

Mr. Roscoe R. Suddarth
Ms. Michele R. Suddarth
7403 Machekzie Court
Bethesda MD 20817-4554

Mrs. Stewart
2518 Forest Glen Road
Silver Spring MD 20910

Ms. Joan H. Wolf
7005 Rainswood Court
Bethesda MD 20817

Mr. Wolfgang L. Wiese
8229 Stone Trail Drive
Bethesda MD 20817



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October 29, 1997

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Anne Arundel County Council
P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis MD 21401

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Again, thank you for your interest. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator

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Memorandum

TO: Mr. Paul Armstrong
District Engineer, District 5

FROM: Charles B. Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design

DATE: November 10, 1997

SUBJECT: US 50/301, East of the Severn River Bridge
Winchester Road Noise Barrier - North Side

We have reviewed our files regarding the noise barrier analysis for the residences along the north side of US 50/301 adjacent to the eastern bridge approach. Specifically, the focus of our search was to determine why the noise barrier does not extend all the way to the bridge on the north side of US 50.

The earliest assessment of noise barrier eligibility was focused on the home located directly adjacent to the bridge (the Carroll residence, 1738 Winchester Road). This home was the only dwelling in the immediate area that is in close proximity to the highway and that was forecast to be impacted in the design year (the other homes in the area; 1698, 1712, 1718, 1720, and 1740 are not forecast to have noise levels above the impact threshold). The Carroll home is also over 1000 feet west of the last home in the group of homes on Winchester Road farther to the east. Because the Carroll residence is isolated from the bulk of the homes along Winchester Road, it would require an additional 675 linear feet of noise barrier just to reach the bridge. Depending upon the height of the barrier, this translated into an additional cost of \$134,000 to \$178,600. At that time, the cost-per-residence limit was \$40,000, and this additional cost would have pushed the per-residence cost for the entire north-side barrier system over \$40,000.

The deciding issue is a structural one. Unless the barrier were extended onto the bridge structure, the actual noise reduction would be limited to about 3 dBA. The reason is that the orientation of the Carroll home is such that even if a barrier was built, the angular coverage of the highway would be small. The attached diagram (Exhibit 1) illustrates the point. Noise barriers are effective by virtue of both their height and their length. A tall barrier can be very effective in reducing noise, however if a receptor is located past the end of the barrier, a large section of highway will be unshielded and the

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Mr. Paul Armstrong

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overall affect of the barrier is severely limited. Such is the case for the Carroll home; in fact the most critical highway section (that which is closest to the house) would not be shielded at all by a barrier extension to the bridge. The only remedy to this situation is to continue the barrier onto the bridge (which was deemed not feasible from a structural standpoint). From a cost standpoint, the additional barrier length on the bridge still pushed the overall cost of the barrier system above \$40,000. Regarding the other homes in the area, the potential noise reduction would also be limited, in this case, because the homes are located 300-500 feet or more away from the highway. In such instances, barrier effectiveness diminishes substantially as distance behind the barrier increases, making the benefits perceived by the residents marginal.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Mr. Ken Polcak of my staff. His telephone number is (410) 545-8601.

Attachment

cc: James D. Hade / Fred Eisen / Philip Troll

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NO NEED FOR A RESPONSE RIGHT NOW (11/17/97)

COUNCIL PRES. PRAISNER HAS RECEIVED THE OCTOBER 29TH, FOLLOW-UP TO THE END OF SUMMER LETTER.

**JIM REVIEWING THE BALLARD REPORT
WALL LOCATION ISSUES??? TOP OR BOTTOM OF HILL?**

ADD HIM TO THE FINAL LIST TO RECEIVE THE FINAL REPORT

The Honorable Derick P. Berlage
Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Councilmember Berlage:

Thank you for your recent letter offering your support for the installation of noise barriers along I-495 in the vicinity of the Forest Glen Park community. I'd like to bring you up to date on our efforts so far.

Forest Glen Park was evaluated for a barrier in connection with the I-495 widening project in 1987. Although the predicted noise levels met the definition of "impacted" under the guidelines then in use, it was determined that we could not design a sound barrier which would effectively protect this community. We are revisiting these design issues to determine whether any options are available that would help alleviate the noise impact on this community.

The State Highway Administration is in the final stages of a comprehensive review of the 1996 Noise Policy. The review is taking longer than hoped, but should be completed by the end of the year. A member of our noise team will contact you with the results as they become available.

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Again, thank you for your letter and your interest. If you need additional information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration
The Honorable Derick P. Berlage
Montgomery County Council
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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State
Highway Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
Administration
Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway
Administration
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Philip D. Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Mr. Charles K. Watkins, District 3 Engineer, State Highway Administration

Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- November 17, 1997

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

DERICK BERLAGE
DISTRICT 5

November 3, 1997

Mr. Parker F. Williams
Administrator
State Highway Administration
P. O. Box 717
Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

Parker
Dear Mr. Williams:

I would like to offer my support for the installation of noise barriers along I-495 as requested by the Forest Glen Park community. I understand the topography of the area poses quite a challenge, and I am pleased that you will be reevaluating your earlier findings and also incorporating the new noise policy.

This community has been extremely patient in their quest for the installation of noise barriers and I appreciate your willingness to explore innovative solutions to this long-standing problem. I look forward to receiving a report on your findings.

Thank you for your continued assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Derick P. Berlage
Councilmember

cc: David Winstead
John J. Gillon, Jr.
James F. Miller
Senator Chris Van Hollen, Jr.
Delegate Leon Billings
Delegate Sharon Grosfeld
Delegate John Hurson

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ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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STATE HIGHWAY ADMIN

MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

CONTROL #97NOV12
LOG DATE: 11/07/97

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SENDER: BERLAGE, DERICK

RE: NOISE BARRIERS ALONG I-495

☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE

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☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE

☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

☐ REPLY DIRECTLY, CC: ADMINISTRATOR

ASSIGNED TO: CHARLIE ADAMS

TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 11/17/97
11/14/97

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

RESPONSE PREPARED BY:

Philip Twill - 410-545 8600 - November 17th
(Name / Telephone / Date)

TYPED BY:

Philip Twill

PROOFREAD BY:

SENIOR MANAGER'S APPROVAL:

FOLLOW UP BY:

DATE DUE:

WAS THERE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE SENDER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

REMARKS:

Noise Team
No reply needed now.
Send copy of results
to him.

FORM AND PREPARED CORRESPONDENCE TO
DONNA AUSTIN, SHA
45-0406 FAX# (410) 333-1586



Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

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December 2, 1998

The Honorable Elizabeth Bobo
Maryland House of Delegates
5561 Suffield Court
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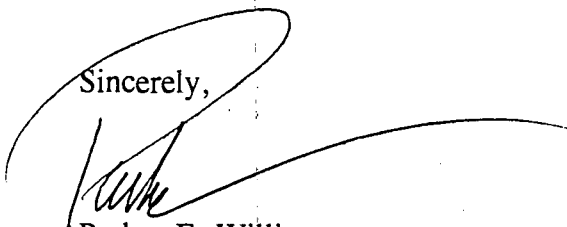
Dear Delegate Bobo:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of your constituents, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis. They were concerned about the impact of highway traffic noise on the Bradley Lane area of the Clemens Crossing community along US 29 in Howard County.

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Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration

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Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design,
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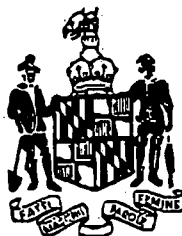
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ELIZABETH BOBO
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 12B
HOWARD COUNTY

COMMERCE AND GOVERNMENT MATTERS
COMMITTEE



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COLUMBIA, MARYLAND 21044
(410) 997-2626

November 11, 1997

Parker F. Williams
MDOT
State Highway Administration
P.O. Box 717
Baltimore, MD 21203

Dear Mr. Williams,

Constituents of mine, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, have forwarded to me copies of previous correspondence with MDOT regarding suppression of Route 29 traffic noise in the area of Bradley Lane. Most of this discussion took place during meetings in 1992-93. The Davis family has contacted my offices recently and has told my staff that the noise continues and, in fact, has substantially increased over the past four to five years. Please review the situation again for me and provide me with suggested improvements the state might adopt that could alleviate their problem.

Many thanks for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bobo
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ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

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MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

CONTROL #97NOV18
LOG DATE: 11/14/97

SENDER: BOBO, ELIZABETH

RE: ROUTE 29 TRAFFIC NOISE IN THE AREA OF BRADLEY LANE

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ASSIGNED TO: CHARLIE ADAMS

TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 11/21/97

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: John Philip Troll - 410-545-8600 - 11/20/97
(Name / Telephone / Date)

TYPED BY: Philip Troll

PROOFREAD BY: _____

SENIOR MANAGER'S APPROVAL: _____

FOLLOW UP BY: _____ DATE DUE: _____

WAS THERE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE SENDER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

REMARKS: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PREPARED CORRESPONDENCE TO
DONNA AUSTIN, SHA
PHONE# (410) 545-0406 FAX# (410) 333-1586



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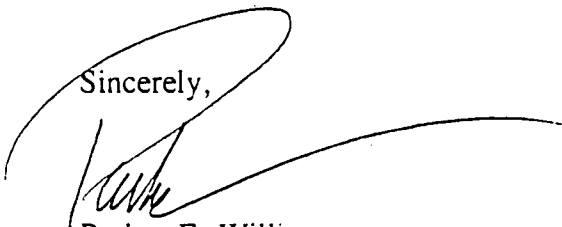
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October 30, 1997

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Gaithersburg MD 20877-2098

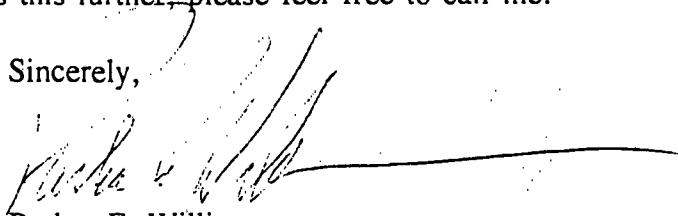
Dear Mayor Bohrer:

This is a follow up to my response to you about highway noise along MD 124 at the Kentlands View Condominiums. We have reviewed the circumstances and determined we are unable to assist with the purchase of storm windows and doors as you had requested.

Your point about the relative timing of final design and the issuance of development permits is appreciated. It is the date we receive approval of the environmental document, however, which establishes the date of public knowledge for a highway improvement project. Any noise-sensitive development occurring after that date is ineligible for consideration of noise mitigation. In this case, the approval for the improvements to MD 124 was obtained prior to the approvals for the Kentlands View development.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter. I recognize the residents' concern over noise from MD 124 and regret we are unable to give you a positive response. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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The Secretary's Office

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John D. Porcari
Deputy Secretary

July 10, 1997

Mr. David B. Humpton
City Manager
City of Gaithersburg
31 South Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg MD 20877-2098

Dear Mr. Humpton:

Thank you for your recent fax letter to Governor Glendening regarding MD 124 noise data collected at the Kentlands View Condominium in Gaithersburg. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

The data suggests the current noise levels exceed the State's noise impact threshold. In view of this, I have asked the State Highway Administration (SHA) to review the facts surrounding the Kentlands situation and determine if there is any assistance which the Department of Transportation can provide to reduce the noise levels. This review will be completed before October and we will contact you upon its completion.

Again, thank you for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Environmental Design, SHA, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration



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State Highway Administration

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July 3, 1997

The Honorable Edward Bohrer, Jr.
Mayor
City of Gaithersburg
31 South Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg MD 20877-2098

Dear Mayor Bohrer:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Kentlands View Condominiums and traffic noise from MD 124. I have been asked by Department of Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead to review the facts surrounding the Kentlands situation and determine if there is any assistance that the Department of Transportation can provide to reduce the noise levels. It is anticipated that the review will be completed this summer. Once this review is completed, you will be contacted.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of SHA's Office of Environmental Design, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Homer, Deputy
for Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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bcc: Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team



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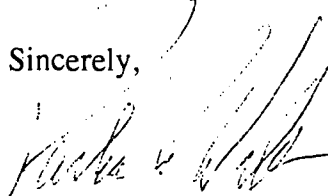
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Your point about the relative timing of final design and the issuance of development permits is appreciated. It is the date we receive approval of the environmental document, however, which establishes the date of public knowledge for a highway improvement project. Any noise-sensitive development occurring after that date is ineligible for consideration of noise mitigation. In this case, the approval for the improvements to MD 124 was obtained prior to the approvals for the Kentlands View development.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter. I recognize the residents' concern over noise from MD 124 and regret we are unable to give you a positive response. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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Mr. John Lewis Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Director of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State
Highway Administration
Mr. Charlie Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration



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Deputy Secretary

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March 17, 1997

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Maryland House of Delegates
151 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

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Dear Delegate Busch:

Thank you for your letter regarding highway traffic noise in the Sturbridge community, located near US 50. I can appreciate your desire to know what options, other than a State-funded noise barrier, may be available to mitigate the noise impact to this community.

Other than a noise barrier, options to provide some relief would include screening with a privacy type of fence, landscaping, or a combination of the two. Unfortunately, we are unable to fund fencing or landscaping for communities which do not meet our criterion that the community preexist the highway. We would be willing, however, to advise the community on appropriate plant materials.

Again, thank you for your letter. Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, would be pleased to discuss the technical aspects of plantings if the community wants him to do so. If you have any questions or want to schedule such a meeting, please feel free to call Mr. Adams at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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February 6, 1997

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The Honorable Michael E. Busch
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M. Busch
Dear Delegate Busch:

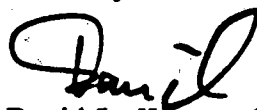
Thank you for your recent letter regarding highway traffic noise in the Sturbridge community, located near US 50. I appreciate the opportunity to clarify our noise policy as it affects this area.

One of the criteria which a community must meet in order to qualify for a noise barrier is that the community have predated the approval of the adjacent highway improvements. During the planning of the I-97/US 50 highway improvements, an environmental impact analysis was conducted to determine the potential noise impact of the proposed construction. At the time of this analysis, the homes in the Sturbridge community had not been built.

Since the Sturbridge community did not exist, no data on existing noise levels or future impacts were ever developed as part of the original environmental analysis. Noise levels, as demonstrated in the studies from this past Summer, are at or above the impact threshold in portions of the community. While it is not likely the current project would increase those levels, the State Highway Administration (SHA) agreed to remonitor this area when they complete the work along US 50 sometime late this Summer. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider a State-funded noise barrier similar to those being built along US 50 to the west, because the Sturbridge community was developed after the planning for US 50 had been completed.

Again, thank you for your letter. We will let you know the results of the additional measurements as soon as they have been analyzed. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 06/06/97 /paw SERIAL#: 7998

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 06/10/97

FROM: CASULA, FRANK P 06/03/97

RE: SOUND BARRIERS FOR THE ARBORY ADJACENT TO MD
ROUTE 198.

RESPOND BY: 06/13/97

- ☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc)
- ☐ REPLY DIRECTLY, ACKNOWLEDGING SECRETARY'S RECEIPT, SHOW CC TO SECRETARY
- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
- ☐ PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

FOR USE BY RESPONSIBLE UNIT

ASSIGNED TO: Charlie Adams
TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 6-10-97
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Extend 6/16

DATE: 6-10-97

FOR USE BY ASSIGNED AREA

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: _____

(Name / Telephone / Date)

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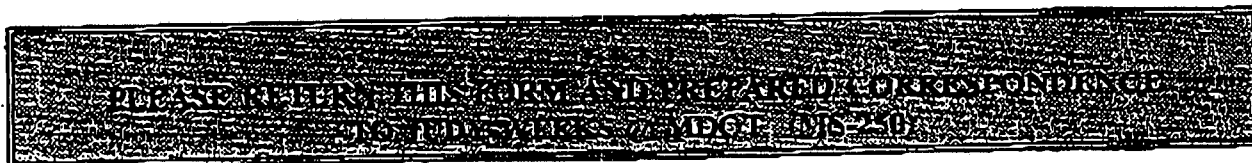
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(You can buy yourself some additional time in preparing a written reply by telephoning the constituent, explaining what's happening, and indicating when he/she may expect a formal reply. Please fill this portion and mail back the yellow sheet to obtain an extension on your reply deadline.)

Name of Person Called: _____

Date: _____

Written follow-up will be prepared by: _____



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Charlie -

This letter was on hold waiting for the incoming letter from Ms. Dye referenced in Mayor Casula's letter.

TO: WILLIAMS
FROM: CASULA, FR
RE: SOUND BARRIER ROUTE 198.

SERIAL#: 7998
DATE: 06/10/97

RESPOND BY: 06/13/97

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Judy Weeks did not have the incoming so I called the Mayor's office & left two voice mail messages last week. I finally

BEHALF OF
RIPT, SHOW

ASSIGNED TO:
TO BE RETURN
SPECIAL INST

got a person today & gave them the info. told them we're

DATE: 6-10-97
Jena 6/16

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waiting for a copy of ms. Dye's letter.

TYPED BY:
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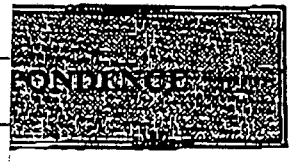
Name of Person
Written follow-

Jane

P.S. It came in!

It is attached

Jane



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

FRANK P. CASULA

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(301) 953-0684 (METRO)
(410) 782-2108 (FAX)

Frank P. Casula
PLEASE PREPARE RESPONSE
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CITY OF LAUREL
8103 SANDY SPRING ROAD
LAUREL, MARYLAND 20707-2502

June 3, 1997

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David L. Winstead, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Dear Secretary Winstead:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I recently received from Ms. Hendra R. Dye who lives in the townhouse development, The Arbory, adjacent to Maryland Route 198 at the intersection of Van Dusen Road in Laurel.

Ms. Dye has expressed her concerns with regard to high noise levels at this intersection due to the traffic along Route 198 and is requesting assistance to deter this noise via sound barriers or some alternative that may be effective in reducing the noise she is experiencing from the traffic.

It would be appreciated if you could investigate the level of noise at the Route 198 and Van Dusen Road intersection with a special emphasis on its effects to the residents of the Arbory development on the south side.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frank P. Casula
Frank P. Casula
Mayor

cc: Mr. Ernest J. Zaccanelli, City Administrator
Mrs. Kristie M. Mills, Deputy City Administrator
Ms. Hendra R. Dye

TRS/streets
RF



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Frank P. Casula
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Ernest J. Zaccanelli
City Administrator

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TO: Lrene Helene

FROM: Ann Tressler

SUBJECT: _____

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MESSAGE: 2 letters: 3/26/90 & 5/21/97

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Mayor and City Council of Laurel
8103 Sandy Spring Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707-2502

OFFICE OF MAYOR

The purpose of this letter is to express my concern about the noise level at the intersection of Route 198 and Van Dusen Road and to solicit your assistance in finding out what can be done to minimize the impact of noise on Arbory residents (particularly those who live along Route 198 and Van Dusen).

Now that I am retired I am raising the issue again because I now have the time to try and use my deck. Unfortunately it is very distracting to try to read or talk or listen to music in the height of daytime traffic (it gets a little better at night with fewer trucks).

The first thing I would like the City to do would be to have the noise level at the corner measured at various times of the day (both weekdays and weekends), and also seasonally (summer, winter, etc.); compare the results to the I-95 standards, and let me know what possible steps could be taken to help Arbory residents.

Hopefully some day there will be a Van Dusen bypass which will alleviate some of the noise. Wishful thinking.

Hendra R. Dye

Enclosures

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Hendra & Scott Dye
15465 Arbory Way
Laurel, MD 20707
March 26, 1990

Condominium Venture
7600 Hanover Pkwy
Greenbelt, MD 20770

I have been a resident here at Arbory for exactly ten years next month. During that time I have seen tremendous growth in Laurel and with the growth an extreme increase in traffic. I live at the corner of 198 and Van Dussen and as a result of that increased traffic have been more and more bothered by the the noise, especially at the corner where the traffic light is.

I am writing to request the assistance of the Association in finding out what can be done to protect this portion of our community from this troublesome noise. Specifically, I am requesting the Association to look into the possibility of noise barriers along the corner section of 198 & Van Dussen. This area is particularly noisy because of the stop and go traffic at the light. Contributing factors to the noise are the eighteen-wheelers making deliveries, the construction trucks headed for the new home sites, the motorcycles and cars with no mufflers, young kids riding around with their radios blasting, etc. All the large trucks stopping for the light have to run up and down all their gears. In addition, the fire house and rescue squad will be moving down the street adding fire trucks and rescue vehicles to the list of troublesome noises.

I know that improvements such as I am requesting take years to implement, but if we don't start doing something now we'll never have any relief. Any assistance you can provide in helping to solve this problem will be greatly appreciated.

I'd like to hope that by the time I retire I will be able to stay home and enjoy the peace and quiet of my retirement without having to move from the Arbory. That will be in seven years.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding what can be done to help us.

Sincerely yours,

Hendra & Scott Dye
Hendra & Scott Dye





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September 23, 1997

The Honorable Jean B. Cryor
Maryland House of Delegates
219 Lowe House Office Building
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Annapolis MD 21401-1991

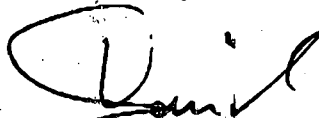
Dear ~~Delegate~~ Cryor:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise abatement along I-495. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on your constituents in the communities north and south of Bradley Boulevard in Montgomery County.

These communities were not eligible for a barrier as defined in our prior noise policy. That policy has been revised, and the State Highway Administration (SHA) is evaluating a number of communities to determine whether they are now eligible for sound barriers. We anticipate this work will be completed this Fall, and an SHA representative will contact you once the results are available.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,


David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
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Mr. John Petty, Assistant to the Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Nanette Schieke, Assistant to the Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Charlie Watkins, District Engineer, SHA
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, SHA
Noise Abatement Team, Environmental Design, SHA

Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT – September 10, 1997

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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JEAN B. CRYOR

August 27, 1997

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cc: John Harris
Annette Schieken
J. Petty

Mr. David Winstead
Secretary
Maryland Department of
Transportation
P.O. Box 8755
BWI Airport, MD 21240-0755

Dear Secretary Winstead:

As you know, I am strongly aligned with the members of my community who are seeking relief from the noise of I-495 in the form of noise barriers. I am especially concerned with the areas north and south of Bradley Boulevard in Montgomery County.

I know some of these houses were built after I-495 was constructed. However, the beltway has been widened and traffic on the beltway has increased. This widening of the beltway and increase in traffic has increased the noise and the homeowners are in need of relief in the form of noise barriers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jean Cryor



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

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David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

February 18, 1997

The Honorable Wayne Curry
County Executive
Prince George's County
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro MD 20772

Dear Mr. Curry:

This is a follow up to Secretary Winstead's recent letter to you which transmitted a copy of the revised Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA) noise policy. The policy includes a provision about future approval and funding of Type II noise barriers. These "retrofit" barriers are built for communities which were built before the adjacent State highway was constructed. In the future, Type II barriers will only be considered where the local jurisdiction has enacted measures to prevent the location of noise-sensitive developments in high-noise areas adjacent to State highways. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a copy of the minimum requirements for control of noise at the local level and offer our assistance in your efforts to address this requirement.

Significant investments have been made to provide relief to communities which have been impacted by noise from State highways. As residential developments continue to be approved and built in close proximity to State highways, new residents are exposed to noise impacts. We have identified potential new Type II noise barriers in Prince George's County. Each of us--the State and local jurisdictions--has a responsibility to successfully control highway noise. We are committed to working with you to determine if effective noise barriers are feasible and warranted based upon our revised noise policy.

Before we proceed with technical analyses to determine barrier eligibility, we thought it would be appropriate to address the requirement for local controls. I am therefore asking to meet with you or members of the County staff to discuss this issue. We will provide any assistance needed to explain the requirements of our policy and to help you establish local noise controls which meet or exceed the requirements of our policy.

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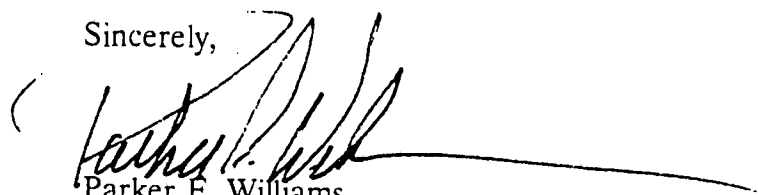
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, will be in touch with you soon to discuss this meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call him at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
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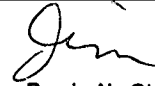
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Transportation



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March 21, 1997

The Honorable Wayne K. Curry
County Executive
Prince George's County
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro MD 20772

Dear County Executive Curry:

Recently, you wrote to a number of the State elected officials from Prince George's County about the funding for five sound barriers. We received copies of your letters, have discussed this matter with the Prince George's County Transportation Oversight Committee and have reviewed the points you made about the State's funding of the Lanham Station and Bellemeade/Landover Hills barriers.

We agree with you the State should assume the total cost for the Lanham Station project. After further review, we found the noise impact was not addressed when the improvements to the I-95/US 50 interchange were planned and designed. This was an unfortunate oversight made by the State. Based upon this information, we have decided the State should bear the total cost of this project.

In contrast, the noise impact at Bellemeade/Landover Hills was evaluated during the planning and design for the MD 410 project which included construction of a new interchange with US 50. Although there were homes which would be impacted, a sound barrier to protect them would have exceeded the State's cost limits. As a result, this area did not qualify for a Type I (or "new construction" barrier), and none was built with the MD 410 project. This community was identified as meeting the State's retrofit, or Type II, sound barrier criteria, though until recently State funds for this project were not available. These criteria require the County to provide a 20 percent match.

The estimated construction cost of the four sound barriers, not including Lanham Station is \$7.3 Million. The Prince George's County share of this total is \$1.46 Million. Subtracting the \$800,000 which the County has already secured leaves a balance of \$660,000. We propose to proceed with the construction of all five projects through an agreement which would allow the County to pay back the amount of the local share above the \$800,000 over a number of years, or have this amount deducted from local highway user revenues over several years during construction. With the latter approach, the County would not have to provide additional up-front costs. We anticipate the construction process could begin as early as the Summer of 1997.

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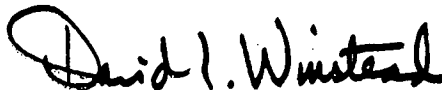
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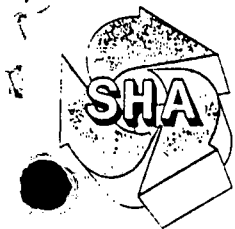
Please call State Highway Administrator Parker Williams if you would like to proceed with the development of the agreement to move these projects into construction. Mr. Williams may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration



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David L. Winstead
Secretary

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Parker F. Williams
Administrator

February 18, 1997

The Honorable William Dennis
County Manager
Frederick County
12 East Church Street
Winchester Hall
Frederick MD 21701

Dear Mr. Dennis:

This is a follow up to Secretary Winstead's recent letter to Frederick County Commissioner Mark Hoke which transmitted a copy of the revised Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA) noise policy. The policy includes a provision about future approval and funding of Type II noise barriers. These "retrofit" barriers are built for communities which were built before the adjacent State highway was constructed. In the future, Type II barriers will only be considered where the local jurisdiction has enacted measures to prevent the location of noise-sensitive developments in high-noise areas adjacent to State highways. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a copy of the minimum requirements for control of noise at the local level and offer our assistance in your efforts to address this requirement.

Significant investments have been made to provide relief to communities which have been impacted by noise from State highways. As residential developments continue to be approved and built in close proximity to State highways, new residents are exposed to noise impacts. We have identified potential new Type II noise barriers in Frederick County. Each of us--the State and local jurisdictions--has a responsibility to successfully control highway noise. We are committed to working with you to determine if effective noise barriers are feasible and warranted based upon our revised noise policy.

Before we proceed with technical analyses to determine barrier eligibility, we thought it would be appropriate to address the requirement for local controls. I am therefore asking to meet with you or members of the County staff to discuss this issue. We will provide any assistance needed to explain the requirements of our policy and to help you establish local noise controls which meet or exceed the requirements of our policy.

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Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

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The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation



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State Highway Administration**

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David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Office of District Engineer
State Highway Administration
9300 Kenilworth Avenue
Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

July 2, 1997

The Honorable Arthur Dorman
The Honorable Barbara Frush
The Honorable Pauline H. Menes
The Honorable James C. Rosapepe
Senate of Maryland
116 James Senate Office Building
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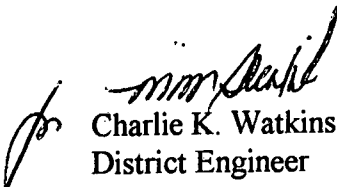
Dear Senator and Delegate:

This is a follow-up to your request for a review of the highway noise experienced by the Powder Mills Estates community in which Mr. Harold Dorfman lives.

There are a number of communities similar to Powder Mills Estates that are being evaluated to determine if they meet the revised criteria for a noise barrier. It is anticipated that we will have more information to share by the end of this summer.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any questions regarding matter, please feel free to call Mr. Charles Adams, Director of Environmental Design at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,


Charlie K. Watkins
District Engineer

CKW:ljb

cc: Mr. Harold Dorfman
Mr. Charles B. Adams

My telephone number is 513-7311

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District 4/3 Office
State Highway Administration
Greenbelt**MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT DELEGATION

SENATOR ARTHUR DORMAN
DELEGATE PAULINE H. MENES
DELEGATE JIM ROSAPEPE
DELEGATE BARBARA FRUSH

May 22, 1997

REPLY TO:

GRACE MARY BRADY
21ST DISTRICT DELEGATION
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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1891
WASHINGTON LINE (301) 658-3114
ANNAPOLIS LINE (410) 841-3114Mr. Charley Watkins, District Engineer
State Highway Administration
9300 Kenilworth Avenue
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Dear Mr. Watkins:

A constituent of ours Harold Dorfman, 1100 Cherry Hill Road, purchased his home years prior to the construction of I-95. Now he suffers from the noise generated by the traffic to a level of 70 decibels for almost 24 hours per day.

The State Highway Administration has been out to see his property in past years and to measure the noise level. You therefore should have records available with all needed details.

Knowing of the recent changes you have made on the criteria for noise relief, we are asking you to again review the subject property to see if you could offer this long term resident of District 21 with some noise relief.

We would appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Art Dorman
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Maryland Department of Transportation
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February 18, 1997

The Honorable Douglas M. Duncan
County Executive
Montgomery County
2nd Floor
101 Monroe Street
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Mr. Duncan:

This is a follow up to Secretary Winstead's recent letter to you which transmitted a copy of the revised Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA) noise policy. The policy includes a provision about future approval and funding of Type II noise barriers. These "retrofit" barriers are built for communities which were built before the adjacent State highway was constructed. In the future, Type II barriers will only be considered where the local jurisdiction has enacted measures to prevent the location of noise-sensitive developments in high-noise areas adjacent to State highways. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a copy of the minimum requirements for control of noise at the local level and offer our assistance in your efforts to address this requirement.

Significant investments have been made to provide relief to communities which have been impacted by noise from State highways. As residential developments continue to be approved and built in close proximity to State highways, new residents are exposed to noise impacts. We have identified potential new Type II noise barriers in Montgomery County. Each of us--the State and local jurisdictions--has a responsibility to successfully control highway noise. We are committed to working with you to determine if effective noise barriers are feasible and warranted based upon our revised noise policy.

Before we proceed with technical analyses to determine barrier eligibility, we thought it would be appropriate to address the requirement for local controls. I am therefore asking to meet with you or members of the County staff to discuss this issue. We will provide any assistance needed to explain the requirements of our policy and to help you establish local noise controls which meet or exceed the requirements of our policy.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, will be in touch with you soon to discuss this meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call him at (410) 545-8640.

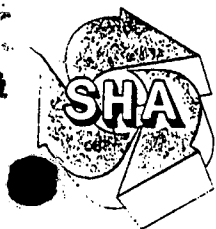
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Parker P. Williams
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Enclosure

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Administrator

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February 18, 1997

The Honorable Charles I. Ecker
County Executive
Howard County
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear Mr. Ecker:

This is a follow up to Secretary Winstead's recent letter to you which transmitted a copy of the revised Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA) noise policy. The policy includes a provision about future approval and funding of Type II noise barriers. These "retrofit" barriers are built for communities which were built before the adjacent State highway was constructed. In the future, Type II barriers will only be considered where the local jurisdiction has enacted measures to prevent the location of noise-sensitive developments in high-noise areas adjacent to State highways. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a copy of the minimum requirements for control of noise at the local level and offer our assistance in your efforts to address this requirement.

Significant investments have been made to provide relief to communities which have been impacted by noise from State highways. As residential developments continue to be approved and built in close proximity to State highways, new residents are exposed to noise impacts. We have identified potential new Type II noise barriers in Howard County. Each of us--the State and local jurisdictions--has a responsibility to successfully control highway noise. We are committed to working with you to determine if effective noise barriers are feasible and warranted based upon our revised noise policy.

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Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
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Thank for initial answer, still waiting for response on what issue is...

November 10, 1997

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The Honorable Michael J. Finifter
Maryland House of Delegates
12147 Faulkner Drive
Owings Mills MD 21117

Dear Delegate Finifter:

Thank you for your recent letter to our Environmental Design Director, Mr. Charles B. Adams, on behalf of Ms. Carol Salganik. A representative from the State Highway Administration (SHA) Office of Environmental Design contacted Ms. Salganik to determine what her concern was and how we might be of assistance.

Ms. Salganik lives at 8124 Greenspring Valley Road in the McDonogh Township area of Baltimore County, just adjacent to I-795. Tax records indicate this community was constructed between 1988 and 1990, after the construction of I-795. The date criterion as defined in our noise abatement policy only allows for consideration of mitigation for communities where the homes were constructed prior to the highway. The McDonogh Township community does not meet this basic criteria and is therefore ineligible for sound barriers

Again, thank you for your letter and your interest in this issue. I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response to your inquiry. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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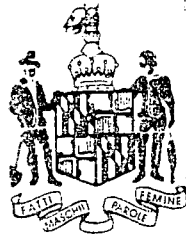
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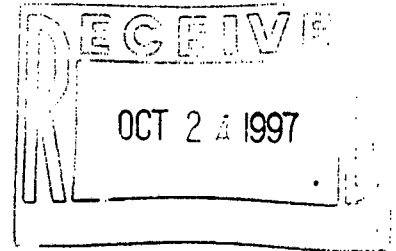
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I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the quality of life enjoyed by your constituents, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond to your request to investigate Ms. Salganik's inquiry.



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Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. Charles B. Adams
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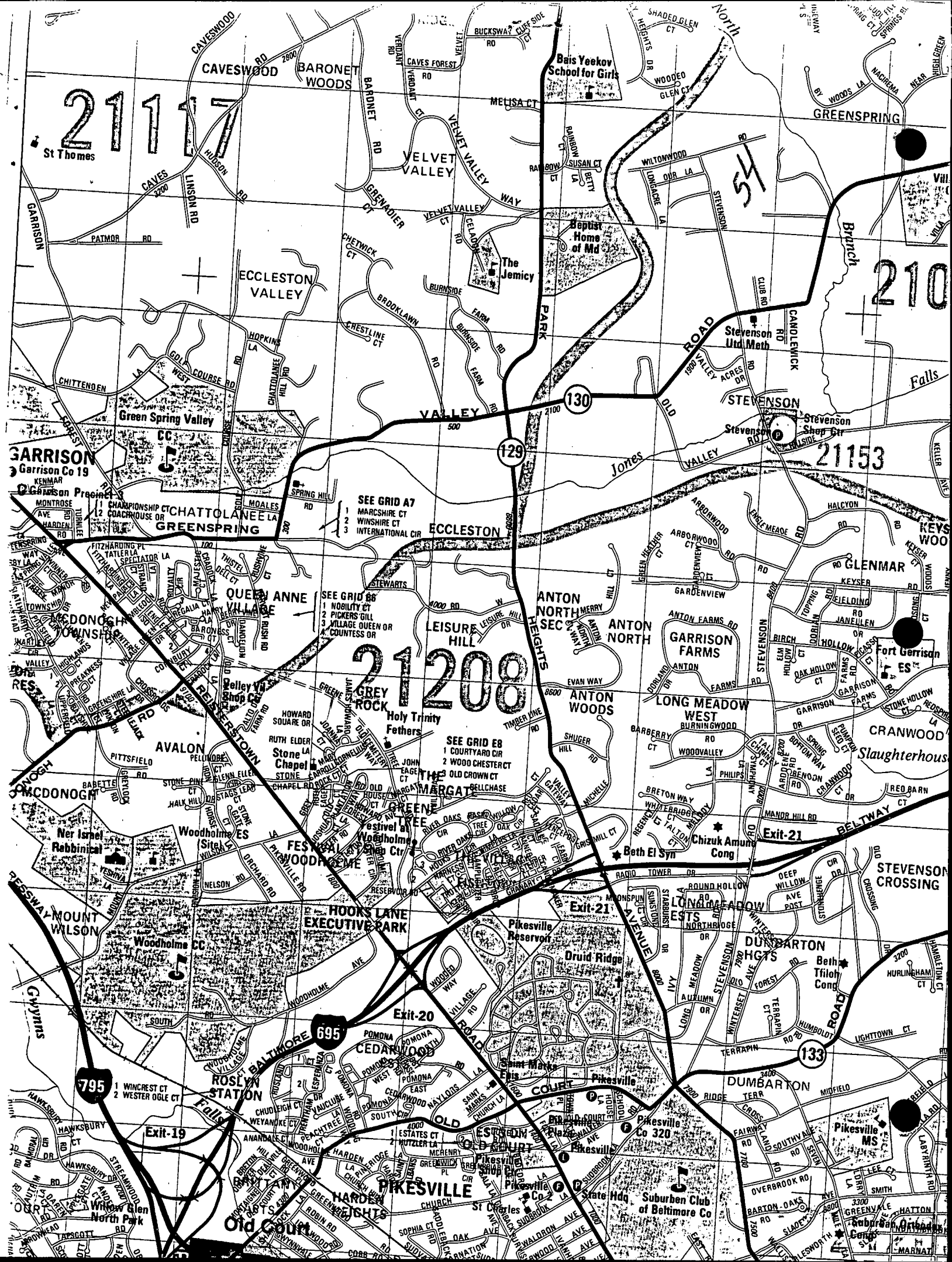
Dear Mr. Adams:

I received a request from my constituent, Carol Salganik, regarding sound barriers along Rt. 795. I would appreciate your looking into this request and letting me know your findings.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Finifter



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Parris N. Glendening
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Parker F. Williams
Administrator

July 30, 1997

The Honorable Michael J. Finifter
Maryland House of Delegates
12147 Faulkner Drive
Owings Mills MD 21117-1261

Dear Delegate Finifter:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charles Adams regarding sound barriers for the Timonium-Lutherville area along I-83 in Baltimore County. Over the years, we have received complaints about the level of noise adjacent to I-83 from a number of the communities along I-83 south of Timonium Road.

Under our first noise policy, these communities did not meet the requirements for a sound barrier. In December 1996, a revised policy was adopted, a copy of which is enclosed for your information. We are now re-evaluating numerous communities to determine if sound barriers may be warranted under the revised policy. Those communities along the lower portion of I-83 are a part of this re-evaluation. This work should be completed by the end of the Summer. Once we have finished, we will contact you with the results of our analyses of the I-83 corridor.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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Mr. Dave Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA

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October 27, 1997

The Honorable Michael J. Finifter
Maryland House of Delegates
12147 Faulkner Drive
Owings Mills MD 21117

Dear Delegate Finifter:

Thank you for your recent letter to our Environmental Design Director, Mr. Charles B. Adams, regarding noise issues along I-83 on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Brummel of #20 Arverne Court in Baltimore County. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the quality of life enjoyed by your constituents, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the subject of sound barriers for the Mays Chapel community.

Please find enclosed a copy of Mr. Adams's letter of October 28, in response to Mr. and Mrs. Brummel's original October 9 inquiry. Unfortunately the Mays Chapel community does not meet the basic date criteria of our noise policy and is therefore ineligible for sound barriers

Again, thank you for your letter and your interest in this issue. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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October 27, 1997

The Honorable Michael J. Finifter
Maryland House of Delegates
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Dear Delegate Finifter:

Thank you for your recent letter to our Environmental Design Director, Mr. Charles B. Adams, regarding noise issues along I-83 on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Brummel of #20 Arverne Court in Baltimore County. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the quality of life enjoyed by your constituents, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the subject of sound barriers for the Mays Chapel community.

The date criterion as defined in our sound barrier policy only allows for consideration of mitigation for communities where the homes were constructed prior to the highway. The Mays Chapel community does not meet this basic criteria and is therefore ineligible for sound barriers. The emphasis of our sound barrier policy is that local government is responsible for addressing highway noise when reviewing proposals for a new noise sensitive development. While I certainly understand Mr. and Mrs. Brummel's concerns, the date criteria is a basic requirement of our noise policy.

Again, thank you for your letter and your interest in this issue. I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response to your inquiry. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
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Eugene R. and Rose M. Brummel
20 Arverne Court, Timonium, MD 21093
9 October 1997

Delegate Mike Finifter
Suite 306 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Finifter:

This is to request your assistance in encouraging construction at the earliest possible time by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDDOT) of an adequate noise barrier wall addition to run northerly of Timonium Road along the western side of I-83 (the Baltimore/Harrisburg Expressway) in Baltimore County. This location is approximately between I-83 EXITS 16 and 17 where the highway borders town homes and apartments in Mays Chapel Village.

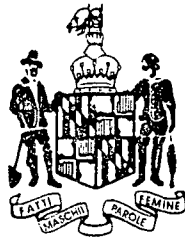
We are owner-occupants in one of the 69 brick town houses located in Section 2 of Mays Chapel Village. We are located on Lot 69 approximately 300 feet west of the travel lanes of I-83, at the most westerly of a group of 8 homes, shown on a copy of the subdivision plat (attached herewith). We and our neighbors suffer more or less continuously from high automobile and truck traffic-noise levels, that evidently have increased. Northerly from our south lot line (if extended easterly to I-83 right-of-way) for a distance of about 300 feet there is a gap in the existing earth-berm. No berm or wall was constructed in this 300' strip by the contractor who originally built the Mays Chapel homes, nor by the highway department. Ground elevation is below the pavement of I-83 and only a thin line of trees separates the houses from highway traffic. Our rear yard area is most exposed to this part of the highway. Our first and second floor deck doors also the third floor windows must be kept closed, otherwise traffic sounds interfere with normal conversations in the living space inside the house. The patio and second-floor deck areas are essentially useless because traffic noise from I-83 interrupts normal conversations. (How could the contractor have been issued a building permit that allowed this gap in the existing berm? Or, was there no enforcement? Nevertheless, due perhaps to its small size, the existing earthen berm covered with planted trees that runs north and south of this "gap" seems to be ineffective as a noise barrier. Some of the trees on it also may have died this year. Noise levels are very noticeable almost anywhere west of the earth berm, compared with locations west of the wall that was built southerly from the Pinewood School grounds).

Any effort made by you to alleviate this problem will be greatly appreciated.

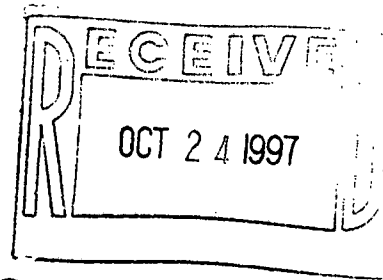
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Wednesday, October 22, 1997

Mr. Charles B. Adams
Director
State Highway Administration
Office of Environmental Design
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

I received the enclosed a letter from my constituents, Eugene and Rose Brummel, regarding sound barriers along I-83 between Exits 16 and 17, specifically where the highway borders townhomes and apartments in Mays Chapel Village. I would appreciate your looking into this request and letting me know your findings.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Finifter



Maryland Department of Transportation
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December 2, 1997

The Honorable Robert L. Flanagan
Maryland House of Delegates
12400 Clarksville Pike
Clarksville MD 21029-1225

The Honorable Robert H. Kittleman
Maryland House of Delegates
411 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegates Flanagan and Kittleman:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Neil Pedersen regarding the concern of your constituent, Mr. Joshua Heltzer, about noise abatement issues along MD 32. Mr. Heltzer's letter expressed concerns about possible imprecise forecasting of traffic volumes and related issues.

Mr. Heltzer recently wrote to Governor Glendening about this issue and enclosed a petition from members of the River Hill community. Secretary Winstead is preparing a response on the Governor's behalf, and I have asked the Secretary to copy you with his reply.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: The Honorable Patricia Anne Faulkner, Member, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Christopher McCabe, Senate of Maryland
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

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Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation (cross reference to SER 7497)
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Director of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State Highway Administration
Ms. Nanette Schieke, Policy Analyst, Maryland Department of Transportation (cross reference to SER. 7497)
✓ Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Ms. Judy Weeks, Correspondence Team, Maryland Department of Transportation (cross reference with SER. 7497)

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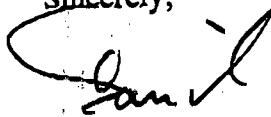
The Honorable Robert Frank
Maryland House of Delegates
15 Sunny King Drive
Reisterstown MD 21136-6143

Dear Delegate Frank:

Thank you for your continuing interest and recent letter regarding the State Highway Administration's (SHA) comprehensive review of the 1996 Noise Policy. We are in the final stages of our statewide review to determine those communities that may be eligible for a sound barrier under our new policy. The review is taking longer than hoped but should be completed this Fall. An SHA representative will contact you with the results as they become available.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any other questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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Noise Abatement Team, Environmental Design, SHA

Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- September 10, 1997

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August 26, 1997

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cc: John Lewis
Nanette Schicke
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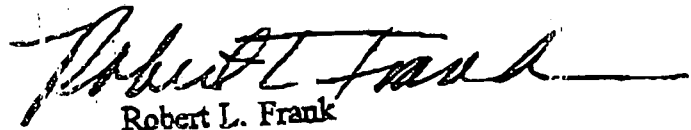
David L. Winstead, Secretary
Maryland State Department of
Transportation
P.O. Box 8755
BWI Airport, Maryland 21240-0755

Dear Secretary Winstead:

Thank you for your letter dated July 22 in response to my letter to you concerning sound barriers along I-83 in Baltimore County. I understand from your letter that you were planning to review this problem by the end of the Summer. As summer is winding down, I would appreciate the status on this as soon as possible.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely,


Robert L. Frank

cc: M. Barry Yatovitz, Property Manager
Metro Property Management, Inc.
RLF/malWinsteadA26

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July 22, 1997

The Honorable Robert Frank
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15 Sunny King Drive
Reisterstown MD 21136-6143

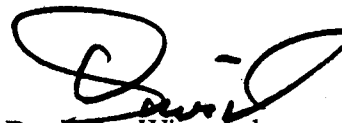
Dear ~~Frank~~ Delegate Frank:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding sound barriers along I-83 in Baltimore County. In particular you are concerned with future plans for noise abatement walls for the citizens of the Mays Chapel community.

With the active participation of communities and citizens, we have continued to take positive steps to improve the quality of life and enhance safety for our fellow citizens both for today and in the future. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is presently evaluating a number of communities that experience traffic noise similar to Mays Chapel. Once these analyses are finished, a priority list will be established for those communities where noise barriers are warranted. We anticipate this review will be concluded by the end of this Summer and we will share the results with you as soon as they become available.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any other questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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The Honorable Robert Frank
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bcc: Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. John Petty, Assistant to the Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
~~Mr. Philip Troll~~ Noise Abatement Team, Environmental Design, SHA
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 Secretary David L. Winstead
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 State Highway Administration
 707 North Calvert Street
 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Parker J. Moore
PLEASE PREPARE RESPONSE
FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
cc: J. Lewis
G. Petty

Dear Secretary Winstead:

I recently received a request from constituents of mine who live in the Mays Chapel area of Baltimore County. They have constantly been annoyed by the loud traffic noises over the past seven years on I-83. I would appreciate it if you would let me know if there is a future plan for a sound barrier to be erected along Interstate 83 in the above-mentioned area?

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Sincerely,

Robert L. Frank

RLR/mgl/WinsteadJB



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October 30, 1997

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh
The Honorable Gilbert J. Genn
The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater
The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp
16th District Delegation
202 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Genn, Goldwater, and Kopp:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wung regarding a sound barrier in the vicinity of I-495 and I-270. Recently, I responded to the Wungs on behalf of Governor Glendening. I am enclosing a copy of that response.

Again, thank you for bringing this issue to our attention. As we discussed at our October 17 meeting, decisions on the funding for new sound barriers will be made as the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) is finalized between now and next Spring. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway Administration
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. John Petty, Assistant to the Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Nanette Schieke, Policy Analyst, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Charles Watkins, District 3 Engineer, State Highway Administration

Drafted by: Mr. Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- October 2, 1997 -- Serial #9305

ATTN: Sherry Varner -- Replaces Serial #97SEP37 -- Same letter to Parker Williams

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DELEGATE GILBERT J. GINN
DELEGATE MARILYN GOLDWATER
DELEGATE NANCY K. KOPP

REPLY TO:
16TH DISTRICT DELEGATION
308 SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1001
WASHINGTON LINE (801) 305-6124
ANNAPOLIS LINE (410) 861-3124

September 29, 1997

William
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cc: John Lewis
Nancy Schicks
John Petty

Secretary David L. Winstrad
Department of Transportation
PO Box 6755
BWI Airport, MD 21240-0755

Dear David:

We have received the enclosed copy of correspondence to Governor Glendonning from our constituents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wung. As you can see, they are very distraught about the noise levels in their vicinity coming from the Beltway and I-270. We are anxiously awaiting the results of the noise triangle study and look forward to meeting with you and David on proposed remediations.

This is a very urgent situation in our District and we believe that the Wungs have accurate information about the deleterious impact on the quality of life for residents and visitors to the areas adjacent to this interstate highway. We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Brian

Brian E. Frosh

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Nancy K. Kopp

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**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

LOG DATE: 09/30/97 /rlo SERIAL#: 9305

DATE: 10/03/97

TO: WILLIAMS

FROM: 09/29/97

RE: ~~MR. AND MRS. WING AND I-270.~~

RESPOND BY: 10/08/97

FROSH, BRIAN

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RESPONSE PREPARED BY: Rebecca Collier 9^{am} ~ Phil Troll 345-8600 Oct 9^{am}

(Name / Telephone / Date)

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Refer to PFW control #97SEP37
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Date: _____

Written follow-up will be prepared by: _____

TO SHERRY VARNER @ MDOT (MS-255)



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SIXTEENTH DISTRICT DELEGATION

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September 29, 1997

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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991
WASHINGTON LINE (301) 858-3124
ANNAPOLIS LINE (410) 841-3124

Mr. Parker Williams
Administrator
SHA
707 No. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

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Sincerely,

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The Honorable Parris N. Glendening
Governor
State House
100 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Michelle & Michael Wung
7228 Armat Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

Dear Governor Glendening,

Re: Noise Barriers in the vicinity of I-495 and I-270

The noise and air pollution our family is suffering from caused by the traffic flow resulting from the expansion of I-495 from eight lanes to twelve lanes and the bursts of noise from the 18-wheelers at the back of and beside our house leaves us no choice but to write to you and beg you for your help. Because of the noise and bad air quality, it is becoming increasingly difficult for our family to lead a normal life.

We own a beautiful and expensive house with delightful front and backyards, we have good schools in the area, our second daughter was born in July this year, everything was perfect until the extension of 495 took place. Our lives are totally disrupted. We cannot enjoy our landscaped yards because of the continuous and invasive noise pollution, we cannot open any windows, but the worst is still to come, my children and the two of us cannot sleep all night because the noise is penetrating the windows. The noise is loud and it goes on and on, nonstop. It is simply intolerable. The noise is getting to our nerves, it is seriously damaging to our health because we simply cannot sleep.

We have been working hard all our lives and we invested most of our savings in this house we now could not even have a good night sleep in. We could have sold the house if we could but the value of the house drops and will be dropping if this noise problem does not get solved. On the other hand, we are paying very heavy property tax for this house and this tax is going up every year. Reasonable and understanding as you are, we are sure you will agree it is ridiculous to pay more and more for the decreasing quality of life and property value we are and will be experiencing.

(To be continue)

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What should we do? We feel trapped in our house, there is nowhere to hide in the house from the noise and there is nowhere for us to go because this is our only home. We are desperate and are writing to you hoping that you will sympathize with us and do whatever within your power to get the noise abatement barriers project approved and done as soon as possible. We really need this noise barriers urgently because we are very worried and concerned about the growth and well being of our beloved children.

We will be more than happy to have you come to our house to see and hear for yourself what we have been going through. It is torture.

We thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate any suggestions as to what we can do in such a situation. And we are forever grateful if you can help us out by any means.

Sincerely,

Michelle &

Michael Wung

Michelle & Michael Wung
Homeowners of 7228 Armat Drive

September 24, 1997

C.C. Brian E. Frosh
Gilbert J. Genn
Marilyn Goldwater
Nancy K. Kopp

Response to:

Draft 7/2/92

Frosh, Genn, Goldwater & Kopp

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Re: Mr. Hertz's E-Mail

to include copy of letter to Hertz

Senator Brian E. Frosh
Delegate Gilbert J. Genn
Delegate Marilyn Goldwater
Delegate Nancy K. Kopp
16th District Delegation
202 Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-3124

Dear Senator and Delegates:

Thank you for your letter of March 25, regarding Mr. Philip Hertz E-Mail inquiry about noise barriers along I-270 in Montgomery County. I apologize for the delay in responding to you about your constituents concern.

Please find enclosed a copy of our response to Mr. Hertz's March 24 correspondence. We will continue to be in contact with Mr. Hertz to keep him informed.

Again, thank for your interest in this matter. If you should have any other questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. James Hade of State Highway Administration's Noise Abatement Team at (410) 545-8599.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: James Hade, RLA, Team Leader for Noise Abatement, SHA

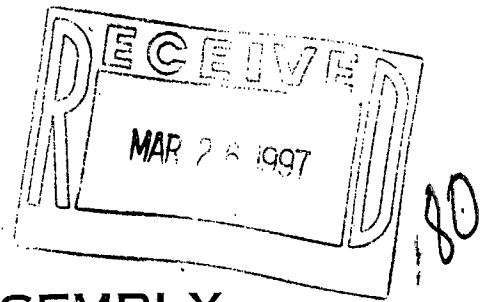
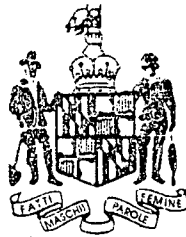
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Drafted by Philip Troll, July 2, 1997

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Jim: Here's another
area in the
"noise triangle". Do
we have any historical
data on this area?

Charlie



ID GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT DELEGATION

March 25, 1997

REPLY TO:

16TH DISTRICT DELEGATION
202 SENATE OFFICE BUILDING
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991
WASHINGTON LINE (301) 858-3124
ANNAPOLIS LINE (410) 841-3124

Mr. Charles Adams
Director
Environmental Design
SHA
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Charlie:

We have received the enclosed e-mail from our constituent, Mr. Philip Hertz. As you see he inquires about a noise barrier in his neighborhood. In addition he requests additional plantings to replace the foliage that was removed during a recent clean-up project. Would you please look into this matter and provide us with a report.

Thanks for your efforts to preserve the quality of life for those in District 16 living in the Noise Triangle.

Sincerely,

Brian E. Frosh

Gilbert J. Genn

Marilyn Goldwater

Nancy K. Kopp

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July 3, 1997

Mr. Philip R. Hertz
10700 Lady Slipper Terrace
North Bethesda MD 20852

Dear Mr. Hertz

Thank you for your E-Mail that was forwarded to us from Senator Frosh's office regarding noise barriers along I-270, near Old Georgetown Road, in Montgomery County. I apologize for the delay in responding to your concerns about the traffic noise impact on you and your community.

With the active participation of communities and citizens, we have continued to take positive steps to improve the quality of life and enhance safety for our fellow citizens both for today and in the future. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is presently evaluating a number of communities that experience traffic noise impacts similar to Timberlawn. Once these analyses are finished, a priority list will be established for those communities where noise barriers are determined to be warranted. We anticipate that this review will be concluded by the end of this summer and we will share the results with you as soon as they become available.

Again, thank for your interest and your E-Mail. If you should have any other questions, comments or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. James Hade of State Highway Administration's Noise Abatement Team at (410) 545-8599.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, Member, Senate of Maryland
James Hade, RLA, Team Leader for Noise Abatement, SHA

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bcc: Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- July 2, 1997

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From Hertz.Philip@pbgc.gov Thu Apr 3 22:01:57 1997
Date: Thu, 03 Apr 1997 15:06:03 -0500
From: Hertz Philip <Hertz.Philip@pbgc.gov>
To: James Hade <jhade@mail.bcpl.lib.md.us>
Subject: RE: Landscaping along I 270

Mr. Hade:

Below is one of the E-mail message I sent regarding the landscaping. The noise level due to the reduced shrubbery is significantly higher than it had been. And friends are commenting for the first time since we moved in that they can see 270 from our house -- confirming our own impressions.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Philip Hertz

"Dear Delegate Kopp:

I am a resident of North Bethesda who lives near the I-270 spur that runs past Old Georgetown Road and links with the Beltway at Wisconsin Avenue. Until recently, the noise and lights of the road were obscured by shrubs and undergrowth that coexisted in the wooded area that separated my development from I-270. Recently, clean-up of the woods has occurred and for the first time we can not only hear 270, but see the traffic on the road. This change has been confirmed by friends who say they are noticing 270 for the first time since I moved to my house. While I appreciate the clean-up, I would much prefer not to see the traffic on the highway.

I would appreciate any assistance you could provide to either have more shrubs and trees planted or preferably to have sound barriers constructed to diminish the intrusion the road makes on my house. I note that the master plan for North Bethesda commits to such construction and that similar sound barriers are being built on the Beltway between Old Georgetown and River Roads.

Thank you in advance for your assistance as well as any advice on who else I should contact with regard to this problem.

Very truly yours,

Philip R. Hertz
10700 Lady Slipper Terrace
North Bethesda, MD 20852



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The Secretary's Office

April 24, 1997

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Deputy Secretary

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The Honorable Gilbert J. Genn
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The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater
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Annapolis MD 21401-1991

The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp
Maryland House of Delegates
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Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Genn, Goldwater, and Kopp:

This letter is a follow up to our recent meeting about noise barrier issues in your District. Your interest in knowing the eligibility of various communities for barriers in the "noise triangle" area is certainly understood, and we agree with the need to make this determination quickly. As we stated, we will complete the required analyses and be back in touch with you by mid June with our conclusions as to each community's eligibility.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. We look forward to meeting with you in June to discuss our findings. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call me or Mr. Charles Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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March 25, 1997

~~The Honorable Brian E. Frosh~~
The Honorable Gilbert J. Genn
The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater
The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp
16th District Delegation
202 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Genn, Goldwater and Kopp:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding highway traffic noise along the I-270 spurs and I-495 in Montgomery County. I certainly appreciate your concern and want to give you an update on the progress of our work on this issue.

A number of communities have been identified in this area that are affected by traffic noise, including the Wildwood Hills and the Newbold areas. We will essentially be looking at all communities in the I-270 spurs and I-495 "triangle," with particular focus on those which predate the original highways. Until the State Highway Administration (SHA) has completed the required analyses, and we are not making any new approvals for funding of new Type II noise barriers. We have not yet established a priority rating system, but may consider one used in the early 1980s which was based upon the relative degree of traffic noise impact and the number of impacted residences. Our intent is to be fair and objective to all communities statewide that are eligible for noise barriers. We anticipate this information will be available by the end of this Summer. I will advise you at that time.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Mr. John Lewis, Jr. of my office at (410) 865-1098, or Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

LOG DATE: 03/13/97 /pkw SERIAL#: 7097

TO: *Williams*

DATE: 03/17/97

FROM: FROSH, BRIAN E 03/11/97

3/20/97

RE: NOISE ABATEMENT/WILDWOOD HILLS

- ☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc)
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ASSIGNED TO: *Charlie Adams*

DATE: *3/17/97*

TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: *3-19-97*

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

FOR USE BY ASSIGNED AREA

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: *Ken Dolcalk / 545 8601*

(Name / Telephone / Date)

TYPED BY: *K Polcalk*

PROOFREAD BY: *J. Hade*

Eugene J. Miller

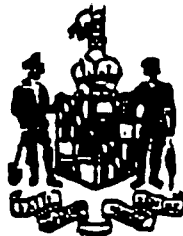
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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATOR BRIAN FROSH
DELEGATE GILBERT J. GENN
DELEGATE MARILYN GOLDWATER
DELEGATE NANCY K. KOPP

March 11, 1987

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Department of Transportation
PO Box 8755
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Parker
PLEASE PREPARE RESPONSE
FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
cc: John L. Lesko

Dear David:

We have received numerous letters and telephone calls regarding the slow pace at which DOT decides to approve noise abatement projects along I-495 and I-270 in Montgomery County. Enclosed is a recent letter from the Wildwood Hills Citizens Association. Similar points regarding study and re-examination of areas clearly impacted by ever increasing volumes of traffic and modifications to the "Noise Triangle" configuration have been raised by Ms Marilyn Andrulis regarding the Bradley-Farmwood-Greentree-Armat area and the constituents living in the Newbold vicinity.

We have met with Charlie Adams on a number of occasions to discuss these affected areas in light of the new noise abatement guidelines. It appears to us that these areas meet the noise criteria, and have for the most part been in existence either before the Beltway was built or the modifications to the roads were announced. In addition, by piggybacking construction for the entire area onto an already approved project, DOT could save considerable construction and study costs.

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**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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Administrator

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February 18, 1997

The Honorable John Gary
County Executive
Anne Arundel County
P.O. Box 2700
Arundel Center
Annapolis MD 21404-1991

Dear County Executive Gary:

This is a follow up to Secretary Winstead's recent letter to you which transmitted a copy of the revised Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA) noise policy. The policy includes a provision about future approval and funding of Type II noise barriers. These "retrofit" barriers are built for communities which were built before the adjacent State highway was constructed. In the future, Type II barriers will only be considered where the local jurisdiction has enacted measures to prevent the location of noise-sensitive developments in high-noise areas adjacent to State highways. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a copy of the minimum requirements for control of noise at the local level and to offer our assistance in your efforts to address this requirement.

Significant investments have been made to provide relief to communities which have been impacted by noise from State highways. This effort, however, has not addressed all of the communities which are affected by high noise levels. As residential developments continue to be approved and built in close proximity to State highways, new residents are exposed to noise impacts. We have identified potential new Type II noise barriers in Anne Arundel County. Each of us--the State and local jurisdictions--has a responsibility to successfully control highway noise. We are committed to working with you to determine if effective noise barriers are feasible and warranted based upon our revised policy.

Before we proceed with technical analyses to determine barrier eligibility, we thought it would be appropriate to address the requirement for local controls. I am therefore asking to meet with you or members of the County staff to discuss this issue. We will provide any assistance needed to explain the requirements of our policy and to help you establish local noise controls which meet or exceed the requirements of our policy.

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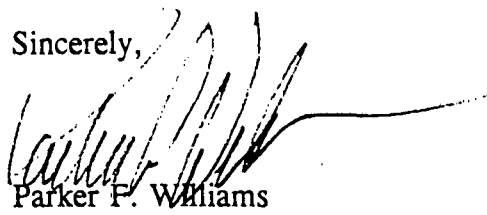
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The Honorable John Gary
February 18, 1997
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, will be in touch with you soon to discuss this meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call him at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation



Maryland Department of Transportation

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Deputy Secretary

March 25, 1997

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The Honorable Brian E. Frosh
The Honorable Gilbert J. Genn
The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater
The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp
16th District Delegation
202 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Genn, Goldwater and Kopp:

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Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Mr. John Lewis, Jr. of my office at (410) 865-1098, or Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
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LOG DATE: 03/13/97 /pkw SERIAL#: 7097

TO: Williams

DATE: 03/17/97

FROM: FROSH, BRIAN E 03/11/97

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cc: John L. Lesko

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PARRIS N. GLENDENING
GOVERNOR

August 13, 1997

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The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater
House of Delegates
221 Love House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Marilyn:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise barriers in the vicinity of I-495 and I-270. The increase in noise pollution is a growing concern throughout the State, and we must do whatever we can to improve the quality of life for those residents dramatically impacted by traffic noise.

As you mentioned, the State Highway Administration is conducting a noise study of this area. I understand the study should be completed by late September, and once it is done, I would be happy to discuss this issue with you further. You can be assured that no decisions will be made until we have had a chance to talk.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me. I fully understand the importance of these sound barriers to the residents, and I look forward to reviewing this issue to see how we can improve the quality of life in the area.

Sincerely,

Parris

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

cc: Secretary David L. Winstead, Maryland Department of Transportation

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FYI
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The attached letter was sent in identical content, but addressed, respectively, to each of the four delegates for 16th District. In other words, all four delegates received this written message from the Governor.

The State is taking more time to analyze the costs of the "gaps," i.e. those areas along the Beltway for which the homes do not qualify re the standards the State is imposing.

The issue is being seen as one of "equity."

If this is unclear it is because it is unclear.

Regards,
Marilyn



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March 25, 1997

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Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
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August 7, 1997

The Honorable Michael R. Gordon
416 Hungerford Drive
Rockville MD 20850-4127

Dear Delegate Gordon:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise abatement issues involving MD 1241 and the Kentlands View Condominiums in Montgomery County. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the quality of life enjoyed by your constituents.

Secretary of Transportation, David L. Winstead, has asked me to review the facts surrounding the Kentlands situation. Data suggests the current noise levels exceed the State's noise impact threshold. We hope to determine if there is any assistance that the Department of Transportation can provide to reduce the noise levels and enhance safety for this community. This review should be completed before October and we will contact you with the results when this work has been completed.

Again, thank you for your letter and your interest in this issue. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to Mr. Charles Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design, and who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

The Honorable Michael R. Gordon
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bcc: Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway
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Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
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Mr. Charles Watkins, State Highway Administration
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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- August 7, 1997

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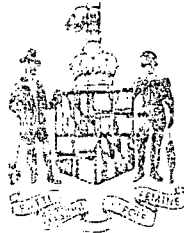
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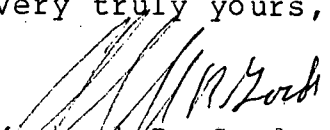
July 29, 1997

Parker F. Williams, Administrator
Maryland Department of Transportation
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P.O. Box 717
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Dear Administrator Williams,

I am extremely interested in any action your office might take regarding the Kentlands View Condominiums and traffic noise from MD 124. I would appreciate your keeping me informed throughout the process.

Very truly yours,

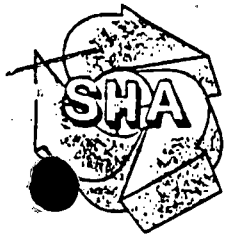

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Parris N. Glendening
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Administrator

July 3, 1997

The Honorable Edward Bohrer, Jr.
Mayor
City of Gaithersburg
31 South Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg MD 20877-2098

Dear Mayor Bohrer:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Kentlands View Condominiums and traffic noise from MD 124. I have been asked by Department of Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead to review the facts surrounding the Kentlands situation and determine if there is any assistance that the Department of Transportation can provide to reduce the noise levels. It is anticipated that the review will be completed this summer. Once this review is completed, you will be contacted.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of SHA's Office of Environmental Design, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Homer, Deputy
for Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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July 10, 1997

Mr. David B. Humpton
City Manager
City of Gaithersburg
31 South Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg MD 20877-2098

Dear Mr. Humpton:

Thank you for your recent fax letter to Governor Glendening regarding MD 124 noise data collected at the Kentlands View Condominium in Gaithersburg. The Governor asked me to respond on his behalf.

The data suggests the current noise levels exceed the State's noise impact threshold. In view of this, I have asked the State Highway Administration (SHA) to review the facts surrounding the Kentlands situation and determine if there is any assistance which the Department of Transportation can provide to reduce the noise levels. This review will be completed before October and we will contact you upon its completion.

Again, thank you for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Environmental Design, SHA, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

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Secretary

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October 16, 1997

The Honorable Leo E. Green
Senate of Maryland
3123 Belair Drive
Bowie MD 20715-3198

Dear Senator Green:

This letter is a follow up to your conversation with Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, regarding the approval of sound barriers for the communities adjacent to US 50 east of MD 704. I appreciate the opportunity to clarify the issue surrounding this approval.

A few years ago, after the State Highway Administration (SHA) built sound barriers along US 50 in the Annapolis area, we were contacted by the residents of the Willow Grove and Enterprise Estates communities about sound barriers for their areas. They felt that barriers should have been built when US 50 was widened between I-95 and Bowie because their homes were planned and built at the same time as those in the Annapolis area. After looking at the situation, we determined that the only difference between the two cases was in the environmental analyses that have been performed. Separate environmental impact statements were developed for these two areas of US 50 and, based upon the decisions made in the Annapolis situation, barriers were also found to be warranted for those communities in Prince George's County. Both areas experience noise levels in excess of the noise impact threshold, and the communities were approved and built in the same time period. The fact that we had addressed two areas on the same highway differently was inadvertent and unintended.

Based upon this information, sound barriers were approved for these communities in 1995, and construction funding was added to the highway program in 1996. As you are aware, these barriers are now under construction.

You also expressed concern about our moving forward with these barriers ahead of Lanham Station and Kingswood. All of these areas are similarly affected by highway noise and all have been approved for sound barriers. The construction of the US 50 barriers is ahead of the others only because funding for the US 50 areas was approved about a year earlier than the funding for Kingswood and Lanham Station. We are pleased that the needs of all these communities will now be addressed and that the residents of these communities will have relief from the effects of high noise levels.

My telephone number is (410) 545-0400

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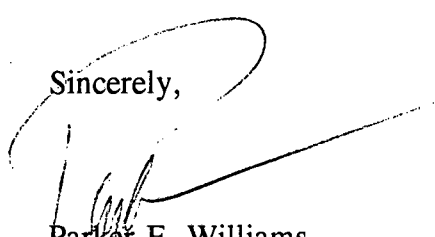
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Thank you again for allowing us to explain our actions with respect to these various communities. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call me at 410-545-0400.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
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Mr. Charlie Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway
Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
Administration
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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The Honorable Leo Green
Senate of Maryland
212 James Senate Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Green,

Thank you very much for your letter to Governor Glendening regarding noise barriers for the Lanham, Kingswood Estates, and Centennial Village communities. I share your interest and your concern for the quality of life enjoyed by your constituents. The Governor has read your letter and has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I am happy to say that we are rapidly moving to a resolution of the financing issues for providing Noise Barriers for the Lanham and Kingswood Estates communities. The State has agreed with the County that the Lanham barrier should have been constructed with the improvements to US 50. Under Type II Noise Barrier projects, the involved County is required to cooperate with 20% of the financial commitment. County and State representatives are finalizing the last details of Prince George's County cost sharing commitment to the remaining three Type II projects.

Providing Noise Barriers with the new construction or expansion of a State Highway, would be a Type I project. Since we are adding capacity to the segment of I-495 between the new interchange at Stadium Drive and MD 214 the noise barrier initiative for the Centennial Village community falls under this category. Like the barrier for Lanham a Type I project does not carry the burden of requiring a county to share the financial obligations for the noise barriers.

Thank you again for your letter. The Governor, as always, appreciates hearing from you. On his behalf, I thank you for your interest in our fellow citizen's concerns. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call on me to help.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary of Transportation

cc: Governor Parris Glendening
Mr. John Lewis

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January 2, 1997

The Honorable Parris Glendening
Governor, State of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Governor Glendening:

This is in further reference to the Lanham-Seabrook and Kingswood Estates sound barrier projects which are pending in my district. Enclosed please find our correspondence in this regard, as well as my correspondence with the State Highway Administration and the County Executive in this regard.

I was disturbed to see that \$1 million has been allocated for sound barriers around the new Redskin Stadium, when older communities such as Lanham and Kingswood have been, and continue to, wait for this needed relief. This was a commitment made last session and one which I would like to see resolved as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Leo Green
State Senator
23rd District of Maryland

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on behalf of the Gov.
cc: John L.

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April 8, 1996

The Honorable Leo E. Green
Senate of Maryland
212 James Senate Office Building
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Dear Leo:

Just a quick note to thank you for your support and assistance in providing additional State funds for sound barrier projects statewide. I am pleased we were able to identify funding in our six-year Consolidated Transportation Program to install sound barriers near the Lanham Station Community. I have instructed the State Highway Administration to expedite design so that construction of the sound barriers can begin next year. The cost estimate for the project is currently being finalized and a 20% match will be required by Prince George's County.

Thank you again for your strong support in bringing this project to fruition. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

cc: The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Department of Transportation

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February 28, 1994

The Honorable Parris Glendening
County Executive
Prince George's County
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
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Dear Parris:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated February 24, 1994 regarding the sound barriers in the Lanham Station area. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for securing part of the funding for this very important and much-needed project.

I will be in contact shortly with the State Highway Administration and the Maryland Department of Transportation in this regard. I am optimistic that we can work something out to ensure that these sound barriers are constructed quickly.

Once again, thank you for all of your efforts.

Sincerely,

Leo Green



Parris N. Glendening
County Executive

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE



February 24, 1994

The Honorable Leo E. Green
Senator, District 23
212 James Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21404

Dear Leo:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding sound barriers in the Lanham Station area. I share your frustration with the State Highway Administration's (SHA) unwillingness to acknowledge its responsibility to provide sound barriers to this and other communities.

Recognizing the very real need to mitigate the noise impact of the Route 50/Beltway interchange project and WSSC water line reconstruction on this community, I am willing to commit the County to pay for twenty percent of this project, with the state paying the remaining eighty percent. I must emphasize that these sound barriers are the clear responsibility of the State Highway Administration; however, in order to secure a State commitment to quickly design and build these barriers, we are willing to pay a maximum of twenty percent.

It is imperative that we continue to work together to persuade the State Highway Administration that providing sound barriers is simply part of the cost of state roadway improvement projects. Please let me know as soon as you are able to secure a funding commitment from SHA. I am prepared to add our share of this project to the Bond Referendum List as soon as we have a bona fide commitment from the State for expeditiously building these sound barriers. Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
County Executive

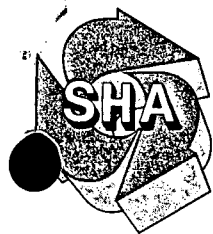
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December 29, 1997

The Honorable Sharon Grosfeld
Maryland House of Delegates
9906 Old Spring Road
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Dear Delegate Grosfeld:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charles Adams sharing your concern over the impact which noise from the Capital Beltway has on the residents of Forest Glen Park. I share your desire to find a timely solution.

The State Highway Administration has (SHA) remonitored several sites within Forest Glen Park to verify the level of highway noise. The extreme topography of this community makes it difficult to build an effective sound barrier. We are revisiting this and related design issues to determine what options are available that could reduce the noise impact to this community.

My October 29 letter to you was intended as a follow up to our previous letter, which had promised to keep you informed of the progress of the general review of the 1996 noise policy. The October 29 letter therefore was not a report on Forest Glen Park's specific situation. As soon as we have completed our analysis of the design issues at Forest Glen Park, I will follow up with you on the results.

Again, thank you for your letter and your continuing interest in this issue. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640 or, toll-free in Maryland, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Horner, Deputy
for Parker F. Williams
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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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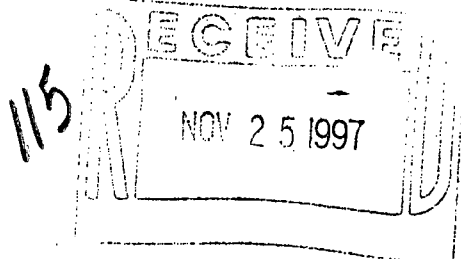
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November 21, 1997

Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design
State Highway Administration
P.O. Box 717
Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have written several previous letters to the State Highway Administration and to Department Secretary David Winstead about installing noise barriers to relieve the intolerable condition in the Forest Glen Park neighborhood. In response to the most recent reply that I received from Parker Williams (copy enclosed), I wish to emphasize that it is not a comprehensive review of the 1996 noise policy that interests me, but that I want your Department to specifically address and respond to the situation at Forest Glen.

A solution to the problem that exists along the unprotected area of the beltway that impacts this neighborhood is long overdue. Deadlines for an answer regarding the installation of noise barriers keep slipping. This is neither fair nor acceptable.

I am convinced that previous studies have already determined the need for these noise barriers, and that promises made have not been kept. The time has come for an immediate decision that leads to swift action. I plan to discuss this further with Secretary Winstead and hope that a plan for closure is already in the works at Environmental Design. I look forward to hearing a conclusive answer soon.

Sincerely,

Sharon Grosfeld

Enclosure



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October 29, 1997

The Honorable Sharon Grosfeld
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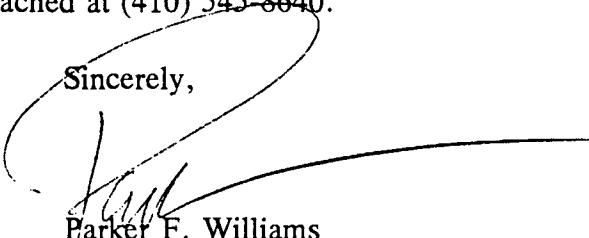
Dear Delegate Grosfeld:

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State Highway Administration's (SHA) comprehensive review of the 1996 Noise Policy. This letter is sent to bring you up to date on our efforts so far.

The State Highway Administration is in the final stages of a statewide review to determine those communities that may be eligible for a sound barrier. The review is taking longer than hoped, but should be completed by the end of the year. A member of our noise team will contact you with the results as they become available.

Again, thank you for your interest. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

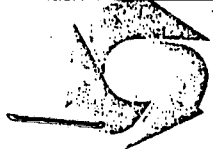

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July 28, 1997

The Honorable Sharon Grosfeld
Maryland House of Delegates
9906 Old Spring Road
Kensington MD 20895-3235

Dear Delegate Grosfeld:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise barriers along I-495 in the Forest Glen Park area of Montgomery County. I share your concern about highway noise.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is presently evaluating a number of communities which experience traffic noise impacts similar to Forest Glen Park. Once these analyses are finished, a priority list will be established for those communities where noise barriers are warranted. This review will be complete by the end of this Summer and we will contact you, at that time, with the results pertaining to Forest Glen Park.

Again, thank for your letter. If you need additional information regarding SHA's noise program, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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David L. Winstead, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
PO Box 8755
BWI Airport, MD 21240-0755

Dear Secretary Winstead:

Forest Glen Park, an old established area within my District, is being severely impacted by noise intrusion from the Beltway. For two years now, I have been seeking relief for these citizens from your Department.

I have received several letters from constituents and from the Citizens Association saying that sound barriers were promised twenty years ago. Property sales are suffering because of the noise levels and the quality of life in this neighborhood--in the process of being designated an historic district--has deteriorated. Other nearby neighborhoods have had barriers erected and previous studies from the early 80's indicated that noise levels in Forest Glen Park area were unacceptable. Downshifting and explosive backfiring from trucks at this particular segment of the Beltway exacerbates the problem. Recent tree trimming and brush clearing has increased noise levels.

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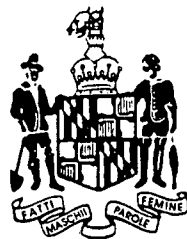
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July 2, 1997

The Honorable Sharon Grosfeld
Maryland House of Delegates
Lowe House Office Building
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Dear Delegate Grosfeld:

Thank you for your letter to James Hade concerning highway traffic noise in the Forest Glen Park area, located near I 495. I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter.

There are a number of communities similar to Forest Glen Park that are being evaluated to determine if they meet the revised criteria for a noise barrier. It is anticipated that we will have more information to share by the end of this summer.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call Mr. Charles Adams, Director of Environmental Design at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams, Administrator
Maryland State Highway Administration

cc: Mr. Thomas E. Natan, Jr.
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of
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March 12, 1997

James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Director
Maryland Highway Administration Environmental Design
P.O. Box 717 Mailstop C 303
Baltimore, Maryland 21203

Dear Mr. Hade:

My constituents in District 18, especially those in the Forest Glen Park area, have been requesting noise assessment for sound barriers for some time. Testimony was presented to a State Legislative Panel regarding a review of the SHA Sound Barrier Policy in September of 1995.

In December of 1996 Secretary David Winstead sent us a copy of SHA's Revised Noise Policy. The decibel level in the Forest Glen Park area impacting on more than 100 homeowners is intolerable and needs to be remedied as soon as possible. Private testing shows that the community more than meets the State's noise barrier construction criterion.

Would you please make solving this problem in the Forest Glen Park area a priority. The community is prepared to cooperate and Mr. Thomas Natan, Jr., who has been in contact with your office reports that he has already assisted you in gaining the permission of several neighbors willing to have acoustic devices on their property.

Please advise my office and Mr. Natan of your testing schedule. We look forward to hearing from you and to working with you to resolve this serious situation.

Sincerely,

Sharon Grosfeld
Sharon Grosfeld

Copy: Thomas E. Natan, Jr.

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December 30, 1996

The Honorable Barbara A. Hoffman
Senate of Maryland
Suite 301
6615 Reisterstown Road
Baltimore MD 21215-2603

Dear Senator Hoffman:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Mr. Erdhardt about the proposed noise barrier along I-695 for the Village Green community. Mr. Erdhardt has also written to me and I will respond to him directly. I am pleased to confirm that funding has been approved to construct a noise barrier from Joppa Road to Thornton Road. Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring 1998.

The State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design will be in managing this project. I spoke with Mr. Charlie Adams, Director of Environmental Design regarding the Trinity Assemble of God Church's position on this project. Mr. Adams is not aware of any objection to the noise barrier from this church. The proposed barrier is not designed to protect the church, which means highway visibility will still be available at this location. The noise barrier is intended to protect only the homes adjacent to the beltway.

Thank you again for your letter. I hope that this information eases your concerns about the future noise barrier. When design of the barrier is completed and the project is close to advancement, a community meeting will be scheduled. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Charlie Adams, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., Legislative Officer, MDOT
Mr. Parker Williams, Administrator, SHA

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The Honorable Barbara A. Hoffman
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bcc: Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Dave Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA
Mr. Kenneth Polcak, Noise Abatement Team, SHA



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Parris N. Glendening
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October 30, 1997

The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger
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206 James Senate Office Building
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Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim
Maryland House of Delegates
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8 Park Center Court
Owings Mills MD 21117-5609

Dear Senator Hollinger and Delegates Finifter, Frank, and Morhaim:

Several of you have inquired about noise issues along I-83 on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Brummel of 20 Arverne Court in Baltimore County. As the response may affect other of your constituents, I thought it would be appropriate to bring each of you up to date on the subject of noise abatement for the Mays Chapel community.

Unfortunately, this community does not meet the basic date criterion of our noise policy because the homes do not predate the highway. Our Director of Environmental Design, Mr. Charles Adams, recently responded to Mr. and Mrs. Brummel on this issue. I have enclosed a copy of his letter for your review.

My telephone number is ~~(410)~~ 545-0400

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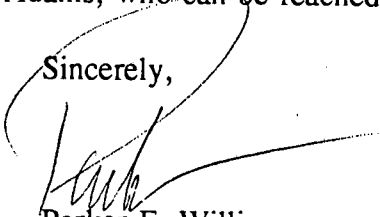
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Again, thank you for your interest in this issue. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me or Mr. Adams, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
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February 21, 1997

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The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger
Senate of Maryland
206 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Hollinger:

This letter is a follow up to a request from Ms. Lorrie Thomas of your office to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design about a noise barrier for the community of Longford North. The Longford North area, located adjacent to I-83 north of Seminary Avenue was one of those that was discussed during the recent noise policy review process.

Longford North was built after the construction of I-83 and under our initial policy was not eligible for consideration of a barrier. During the policy review, the date of eligibility for our retrofit noise barrier program was discussed at some length. The recommendation from the policy review panel was that the original eligibility requirement for the Type II program should be retained in the revised policy, i.e. the community must predate the construction of the highway. The eligibility of Longford North remains unchanged from our earlier determination.

I hope this information adequately addresses your question. Please contact me or feel free to call upon Mr. Adams if you need any additional information. He may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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DATE: November 24th '94

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TO: Mr. John A. Gillon, Jr. - 301-589-6527 Re: Dr. John Hurson
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FROM: Philip Troll - OED - 410-545-8600
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I enclosed the copy of Dr. Hurson's letter for your forwarding

Please forward this transmittal to the appropriate person as soon as possible. If you have any problems with this transaction, please call our office at (410) 545-8641. The telephone number for the FAX machine at State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design is (410) 209-5003.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS: Afternoon Mr. Gillon -

As per our conversation of a few minutes ago - here are copies of the letters that were sent out October 29th explaining the ongoing timetable for our comprehensive review of the '96 Noise Policy. We want to ensure that all concerned citizens are informed and are part of the process. We hear your voices and your concerns. I have been working with Dr. Hurson's Office to facilitate the flow of information. I will pass on your message that "SHA needs to core the problem ~ Work at ways of solving the problem" to Charlie this afternoon. As is always the case - Never hesitate to call if you have any questions. If I can I'll answer them. If I can't I'll do my best to get you in touch with someone who can. Once again, thank you for taking the length of time to call this afternoon. Philip

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NOISE ABATEMENT TEAM

Memo of Telephone Conversation or Verbal Discussion & Direction

TELEPHONE CALL:

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TO: Mr. John J. Gillan
FROM: Philip Troll

Date: 11/04/24th '97
Project: _____

Office/Agency/RC: _____ Telephone #: 301-589-6527

Residential Community: Forest Glen Park

Subject: #97 Nov 3 and #7547

Message: Big Problem

Ref
in
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2 of
first
house

Failure to communicate
Took valley - 10 lane Hwy - Policies
mean nothing - Create liability
Brick Cottage - Hardier House - Press 20/Man
(Sound wall by Park? - Forest Glen??)
Do we need Canyon Walls -
(Jim & Joyce Miller) - Mary Montley
expand over hill influences #res - impacted
<End of Woodstock - not to hear it>

Woodlea
Woodstock
Northwood
Hyndman
Cross
Pittman

Evergreens - Part of Plan

Copy to: _____ (Air Quality affects Community)
None E.C. File

others:

Trees to help with

Tom Natan -
Pres Community A

Need to Core the Problem

Work at ways of solving problem - Not Perfect Core
Something!

Park on
the Parkway



HOUSE OF DELEGATES

JOHN ADAMS HURSON
MAJORITY LEADERLOWE HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.
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ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1881

November 5, 1997

Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator
Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration
P.O. Box 717
Baltimore, Maryland 21203-0717


Dear Mr. Williams:

I appreciated receiving your letter of October 29th. I am glad to see that the Department is in the final stages of its statewide review to determine those communities that are eligible for sound barriers. I have enclosed a letter from a constituent of mine, Mr. John Gillon, Jr., who is extremely concerned with the extension of the deadline. I would urge the State Highway Administration to expeditiously complete the work on this study.

The enclosed letter also seems to indicate that this particular neighborhood have yet to attain adequate consideration when considering that surrounding neighborhoods have already received sound barriers. I hope that you will consider this fact when making your decisions.

Thanks for your help in this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



John Adams Hurson
Delegate-Dist. 18
Majority Leader

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November 2, 1997

Hon. John Adams Hurson
Delegate/District 18
State of Maryland
Lowe House Office Bldg./Room 313
6 Governor Bladen Blvd.
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

RE: Beltway Noise: Forest Glen Park, Maryland

Delegate Hurson:

As you will recall, in July my wife Shelley and I asked on behalf of our Forest Glen Park neighbors and ourselves your assistance in highway-noise abatement in your Montgomery County District. We live on a hilltop in Forest Glen Park between Georgia Avenue and Rock Creek in homes built almost 20 years before the Washington Beltway, but sound barriers never were installed to protect our neighborhood from the unrelenting noise generated by the Beltway.

In July the State Highway Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation (SHA/MDT) promised one group of elected officials action by the end of September and promised another group action by the end of October—a tactic not unlike that of SHA/MDT when the Beltway was built and again in the 1980's.

Well, again we have passed both of those SHA/MDT deadlines without action by the agency.

But more to the point, SHA/MDT still seems incapable of understanding that it does not get to decide *whether or not* it will take action on a problem that it created.

As a neighborhood we are not asking *consideration* for sound barriers—we are reminding the elected and appointed officials that their agency created a problem and now must correct it.

The residents of Forest Glen Park have been incredibly patient with officials these many years—and our patients are waning.

Please assist us in resolving this matter without further excuses or delays by installing sound walls of sufficient height and structure in our neighborhood on the Inner Loop of the Beltway between Georgia Avenue and Rock Creek.

Very truly yours,


JOHN J. GILLON, JR.



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

August 28, 1997

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The Honorable John Adams Hurson
Maryland House of Delegates
313 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Hurson:

Thank you for your letter and recent telephone inquiries to our Office of Environmental Design regarding noise abatement along I-495 in the Forest Glen Park area of Montgomery County. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on your constituents' quality of life.

Forest Glen Park was evaluated for a barrier in connection with the I-495 widening project in 1987. Although the predicted noise levels met the definition of "impacted" under the guidelines then in use, it was determined that we could not design a sound barrier which would effectively protect this community. The main stumbling block to an effective barrier was the dramatic change in elevation between the beltway and the community.

Since then, we have adopted a new noise policy (copy enclosed). Communities along existing highways can be eligible for sound barriers under our Type II program. In the Spring of this year, several sites within the Forest Glen Park community were remonitored to verify the level of traffic noise impact. While topography remains a sizable challenge, we will reexamine possible barrier options to see if something can be done. When this work is concluded, we would be pleased to provide you with the results.

Again, thank you for letting us know your constituents' concerns. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams, who can be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design,
State Highway Administration

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August 11, 1997
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Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland
Department of Transportation
Mr. Charlie Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway
Administration

Re: Council President
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August 7th Draft
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The Honorable John A. Hurson
313 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Hurson:

Thank you for your letter and recent telephone inquiries to our Office of Environmental Design regarding noise abatement issues along I-495 in the Forest Glen Park area of Montgomery County. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the quality of life enjoyed by your constituents. I'd like to bring you up to date regarding a sound barrier for the Forest Glen Park community along I-495.

This community was studied for a potential barrier with the I-495 widening project in 1987. Under the guidelines in use in the 1987 Type I study, the predicted noise levels met the definition of "impacted". The other guidelines governing sound barrier qualification included a provision that a barrier provide effective noise reduction.

The barrier design studied could not provide adequate protection for the impacted residents, mostly because of the extreme topography change between the beltway and the community.

Communities can be eligible for sound barriers to be built along existing state highways under our Type II program. In the Spring of this year, several sites within the Forest Glen Park community were re-monitored in order to verify the level of traffic noise impact. While the topography of this area does present a sizable obstacle to effective noise reduction, we will reexamine the possible barrier options.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is presently evaluating a number of communities that experience traffic noise impacts similar to Forest Glen Park to determine if noise barriers are feasible and justified. Once these analyses are finished, a priority list will be established for those communities where noise barriers are determined to be warranted. We anticipate that this review will be concluded by the end of this summer and we will contact you with the results when this work has been completed.

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Again, thank you for your letter and your interest on behalf of your constituents. If you should have any other questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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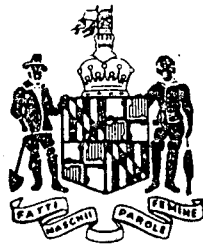
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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

JOHN ADAMS HURSON
MAJORITY LEADER

LOWE HOUSE OFFICE BLDG.
ROOM 313
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1891

August 1, 1997

Mr. Charlie Adams
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

I have received several letters from residents of the Forest Glen Park area requesting the installation of sound barriers along the beltway in Forest Glen Park. I support the efforts of these citizens, and I would appreciate it if you would update me on the status of appropriating funds for the installation of sound barriers. I appreciate your help in this matter, and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John Adams Hurson
Delegate-Dist. 18
Majority Leader



July 31, 1997

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The Honorable John A. Hurson
313 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Hurson:

Thank you for your recent telephone inquiries and letter regarding noise abatement issues along I-495 in the Forest Glen Park area of Montgomery County. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the quality of life enjoyed by your constituents.

With the active participation of communities and citizens, we have continued to take positive steps to improve the quality of life and enhance safety for our fellow citizens both for today and in the future. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is presently evaluating a number of communities that experience traffic noise impacts similar to Forest Glen Park. Once these analyses are finished, a priority list will be established for those communities where noise barriers are determined to be warranted. We anticipate that this review will be completed by the end of this Summer and we will share the results with you as soon as this work is concluded.

Again, thank for your letters and your interest. If you should have any other questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James D. Hade, of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

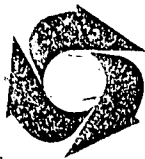
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The Secretary's Office

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Deputy Secretary

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May 22, 1997

The Honorable John Adams Hurson
Maryland House of Delegates
313 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear ~~Delegate~~ ^{John} Hurson:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the concerns of your constituent, Mr. Eric Eisen, about a sound barrier for the Wildwood Hills community. Mr. Eisen is correct that a recent analysis performed by the State Highway Administration (SHA) shows the Wildwood Hills area now meets the eligibility criteria for a barrier.

The SHA is analyzing a number of additional areas along the east and west spurs of I-270, as well as the leg of the Capital Beltway between the two spurs, to determine how many other communities may also be eligible for barriers. All of the technical analyses are on schedule for completion by early Summer. Once this information has been reviewed, we will be able to assess the funding that will be required for barriers in this area. We appreciate the continued patience of the residents of Wildwood Hills.

Again, thank you for your letter. State Highway Administrator Parker Williams will be giving you an update in early July. In the meantime, if you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles Adams, who is Mr. Williams's Director of Environmental Design and may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, SHA

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bcc: Mr. James Hade, Team Leader, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Charlie Watkins, District 3 Engineer, SHA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Parris N. Glendening
Governor

THROUGH: Mr. David S. Iannucci
Deputy Chief of Staff

FROM: David L. Winstead
Secretary

DATE: December 12, 1997

SUBJECT: Sound Barrier Program

At our meeting on sound barrier issues, you requested additional information regarding sound barriers in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. This memo responds to your request and puts that information in a statewide context.

The Maryland Department of Transportation's noise policy has been in place since 1987 and was designed to make the best use of the limited financial resources available for noise abatement. Growing concern expressed by communities and their elected officials that the policy was unfair and too restrictive led to its revision in 1996.

When the policy was revised, we agreed to review communities that had expressed concern about high noise levels. The results indicated that, if protection were provided for all of these communities, the estimated cost of building those barriers would be in the **\$280 Million** range. It is likely the total would be higher because we have only evaluated those communities from which we have received complaints.

One key element of the new policy is the requirement that a county have noise ordinances in place before the State will build new sound barriers in that county. The rationale for this provision is that new residential development proposed adjacent to highways should include protection from noise. We thought, as did the legislative panel that advised us during the policy review, that such local controls were essential to effective long-term highway noise control and were the best way to encourage responsible development.

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To date, of the eight counties that have most of the noise problem, Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties have enacted noise ordinances. The statewide review identified the need to invest an additional **\$26.9 Million** (including a 20% local match) in noise wall construction in these three counties for communities that pre-existed the original construction of the State highway and meet all of the other policy criteria, including cost effectiveness. Attachment 1 lists the respective communities, by county, with the approximate barrier cost and the corresponding State legislative district. Funds are available in the Draft 1998-2003 transportation capital program to fund these projects, and we recommend that you announce the approval of these noise walls in January when you release the Final 1998-2003 capital program.

We have briefed the other five counties with potential noise abatement projects (Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick and Washington) on our new policy and have urged them to enact noise ordinances. We expect Anne Arundel and Frederick Counties to have noise ordinances in place within a year. If all five counties enact the required noise ordinance, an additional **\$29.4 Million** (including a 20% local match) will need to be added to the capital program in future years. We are also recommending that these barriers be funded as the local ordinances are enacted. Attachment 2 lists these communities.

Another key element of the noise policy is the requirement that the impacted community pre-exist the *construction* of the original highway. A number of communities impacted by noise do not meet this criterion but did pre-exist the *expansion* of the original highway. Under our new policy, the cost of providing noise abatement for eligible communities impacted by highway expansion projects is included in the cost of the expansion. Under the previous policy, these communities did not get barriers when the adjacent highway was expanded. There are a number of communities in the I-270/I-495 triangle that fall into this category. If we were to provide noise barriers, the estimated cost would be **\$13.9 Million** for noise barriers in those counties with noise ordinances and another **\$18.4 Million** in those counties without ordinances, a total of **\$32.3 Million**. Attachment 3 lists these communities.

One of the points of discussion at our meeting with you was the applicability of Federal funds for sound barriers. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has established requirements for sound barriers. The date criterion is an example of one of the requirements. Ultimately Maryland's sound barrier policy must be approved by FHWA if future sound barriers are to be eligible for federal funds. It is important to note that new sound barrier construction for communities like those in the I-270/I-495 triangle that postdate the highway, may not receive federal assistance, thereby leaving the State to fund the majority of the construction cost.

The last key element of the new policy is the cost of a barrier. The new policy provides for a cost maximum of \$50,000 per impacted residence. If the cost exceeds \$50,000 per residence, the noise barrier is constructed only if funding can be secured from other sources. The estimated cost of providing noise barriers for communities that pre-dated the original highway but exceed the \$50,000 cost per residence is **\$24.7 Million**. There is an additional potential cost of **\$39 Million** for communities that did not pre-date the original highway but did pre-date expansion of the highway and exceed \$50,000 cost per residence. Attachments 4 and 5 list these communities.

The financial effect of providing noise protection for the balance of the communities which have complained about noise levels but are not included in Attachments 1-5 is in the **\$129 Million** range. These communities are not eligible for a variety of reasons, e.g., because they were developed after the last expansion of the highway, they do not experience a high enough level of noise impact, a barrier could not be built which would effectively reduce the noise impact, and/or the cost to build a barrier is excessive.

If you have any questions or if you would like any additional information, please let me know.

cc: Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
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Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Director of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, State
Highway Administration
Mr. Douglas Rose, Chief Engineer, State Highway Administration
Environmental Design Noise Team, State Highway Administration



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MEMORANDUM

TO: David S. Iannucci
Deputy Chief of Staff

FROM: David L. Winstead
Secretary

DATE: October 6, 1997

SUBJECT: #38294 Letter from Mr. James F. Miller

This is in response to the Governor's note regarding the scheduling of sound barrier construction for the Forest Glen Park community adjacent to the Capital Beltway. The issue for this community is whether an effective sound barrier can be built.

This community sits well above the elevation of the highway. When planning and design of the most recent widening of this section of the beltway was completed, location of a barrier along the highway would not have yielded effective noise reduction because of this difference in elevation. The State Highway Administration is now looking to see if there is a location beyond the State right-of-way where a barrier could be built that would result in effective noise reductions. A consultant report is scheduled for completion by the end of October, at which time we will know whether there is a technical solution to this noise problem. I will follow up once the analysis has been completed.

cc: Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design
Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State
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Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
Administration
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway Administration
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State Highway Administration**

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Secretary

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Administrator

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October 24, 1997

The Honorable James M. Kelly
Maryland House of Delegates
607 Fairway Drive
Towson MD 21286-7842


Dear Delegate Kelly:

This letter is a follow up to your earlier letter on behalf of the residents of Marleigh Circle about an extension of the sound barrier along the inner loop of I-695 between York Road and Charles Street. We have completed the review and determined that the sound barrier can be extended from the presently designed end point in a westerly direction (towards Charles Street).

The sound barrier will be extended a distance of 200 feet. It will be placed adjacent to the ramp from northbound Charles Street to eastbound I-695. We expect to complete the design within a few weeks. The extension itself will be completed within the time frame for completion of the current project.

Again, thank you for your interest in this project. If you have any other questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to call me or Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Thomas G. Kent
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration

My telephone number is (410) 545-0400

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Drafted by: Fred Eisen, OED/LAD/NAT - October 17, 1997

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The Honorable James M. Kelly
607 Fairway Drive
Towson MD 21286-7842

Dear Delegate Kelly:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise abatement issues along I-695 in Baltimore County. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on your constituents in the Marleigh Circle and Kenilworth Avenue area of Towson.

The State Highway Administration is reviewing the design of the sound barrier in this area to determine what modification options are warranted. The review should be concluded within a month and we will contact you with the results when this work is completed. We will also explore landscaping opportunities.

Our Office of Environmental Design has also received a number of telephone calls and letters on behalf of the families in the Marleigh Circle neighborhood. For your use, I am forwarding a copy of a letter from Mr. Thomas G. Kent, which contains a list of several of the citizens concerned over this issue.

Again, thank you for your letter and your interest on behalf of your constituents. If you should have any other questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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cc: Mr. Thomas G. Kent
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration

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Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- August 15, 1997

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JAMES M. KELLY
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BALTIMORE COUNTY

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HOUSE OF DELEGATES

August 4, 1997

Parker F. Williams
Administrator
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Williams:

I write to you on behalf of my constituents who live on Marleigh Circle and Kenilworth Avenue in Towson, Maryland. Over the past weeks I have received calls and letters from these families wherein they expressed their concerns on the sound barriers along I-695.

From my conversations with many Marleigh Circle residents, I understand that sound barrier placement will end between 1056 and 1058 Marleigh Circle. Residents of Marleigh Circle were informed by the Maryland Department of Environmental Design that sound barrier construction will stop at this location due to low recorded noise levels. Pursuant to the great neighborhood opposition, the Department of Environmental Design is reevaluating their decision to end construction. In a phone conversation with Charles Adams, Director Environmental Design, I was informed that the reevaluation would be completed during the second week of August.

I respectfully appeal to you on behalf of the families who reside directly next to the Baltimore Beltway on Marleigh Circle **to have the construction of the sound barriers continued**. This critical situation is further exasperated through the excess removal of trees behind many homes, beyond which was required to facilitate barrier construction. These homes have now lost their natural buffer remedies. I believe sound barriers are just the right thing to do.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation in this matter. I know the residents of Marleigh Circle and the entire neighborhood would deeply appreciate your Department's favorable decision. I look forward to hearing from you, and until then, I remain,

Very truly yours,

James M. Kelly
Delegate 9B

JMK/kys
enclosure
cc: Charles Adams
Perry R. Phillips
Thomas G. Kent



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

September 22, 1997

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Parris N. Glendening
Governor
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Administrator

The Honorable Kathy Klausmeier
Maryland House of Delegates
9500 Belair Road
Baltimore MD 21236-1544

The Honorable James F. Ports, Jr.
Maryland House of Delegates
Suite 106L
4134 East Joppa Road
Baltimore MD 21236-2223

The Honorable Alfred W. Redmer, Jr.
Maryland House of Delegates
Suite 106
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Dear Delegates Klausmeier, Ports and Redmer:

Thank you for your letter to our Environmental Design Director, Mr. Charles Adams, regarding noise issues along I-695 on behalf of Mrs. Gloria Kelly of St. Thomas Drive in Baltimore County. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the quality of life enjoyed by your constituents, and I appreciate the opportunity to update you on our efforts to address Mrs. Kelly's concerns.

Mrs. Kelly's community was not previously eligible for a barrier because tax records show the majority of the homes were built after the construction of the beltway. Our noise policy allows us to consider barriers for communities in which the majority of impacted homes existed prior to the highway.

Mrs. Kelly has said that several homes were moved from the I-695 alignment to her street. This information needs to be checked, as well as where a noise impact contour would fall relative to the older homes. We are currently remonitoring and will conduct further research of Assessments and Taxation records to determine whether the St. Thomas area could qualify for our sound barrier program. If Mrs. Kelly or her neighbors have any documentation which would help us determine exactly which homes predate the beltway, this information should be sent to Mr. Adams at Mail Stop C-303, 707 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore MD 21202.

My telephone number is _____

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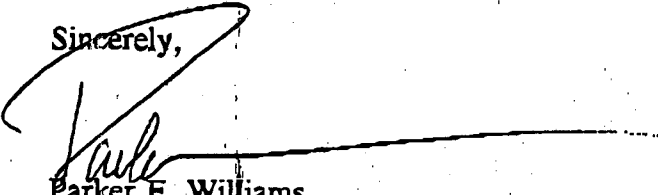
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The Honorable Kathy Klausmeier
The Honorable James F. Ports, Jr.
The Honorable Alfred W. Redmer, Jr.
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Again, thank you for your letter and your interest in this issue. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me or Mr. Adams, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

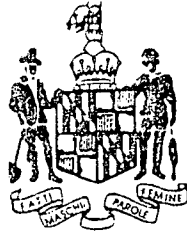
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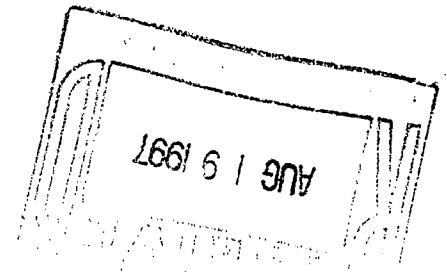
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HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

August 8, 1997



Charles Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design
Maryland State Highway Administration
P.O. Box 717
Baltimore, MD 21203-0717

Dear Mr. Adams:

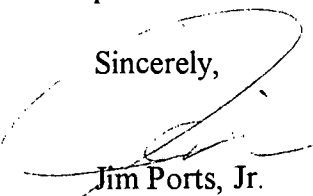
We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Fred Eisen of your staff for forwarding us information on the request of Mrs. Gloria Kelly of St. Thomas Drive in Baltimore County for a noise barrier along her neighborhood next to the Baltimore Beltway as well as the "Noise Policy" criteria.

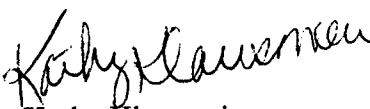
We certainly understand the guidelines and reasons for installation of noise barriers around the Baltimore Beltway, i.e., decibel levels, date of development construction, etc. However, Mrs. Kelly has raised the issue that some of the homes in her development pre-date the Beltway because they were moved from Gravel Road, now a portion of the Beltway.


On her behalf, we would like to know if this issue would effect the State Highway Administration's decision to construct noise barriers in this area, especially since the area has tested above the 66 decibel threshold. Any information which you can provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us at our district offices.

Sincerely,


Jim Ports, Jr.
Delegate


Kathy Klausmeier
Delegate


Al Redmer, Jr.
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March 25, 1997

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The Honorable Brian E. Frosh
The Honorable Gilbert J. Genn
The Honorable Marilyn Goldwater
~~The Honorable Nancy K. Kopp~~
16th District Delegation
202 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Frosh and Delegates Genn, Goldwater and Kopp:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding highway traffic noise along the I-270 spurs and I-495 in Montgomery County. I certainly appreciate your concern and want to give you an update on the progress of our work on this issue.

A number of communities have been identified in this area that are affected by traffic noise, including the Wildwood Hills and the Newbold areas. We will essentially be looking at all communities in the I-270 spurs and I-495 "triangle," with particular focus on those which predate the original highways. Until the State Highway Administration (SHA) has completed the required analyses, and we are not making any new approvals for funding of new Type II noise barriers. We have not yet established a priority rating system, but may consider one used in the early 1980s which was based upon the relative degree of traffic noise impact and the number of impacted residences. Our intent is to be fair and objective to all communities statewide that are eligible for noise barriers. We anticipate this information will be available by the end of this Summer. I will advise you at that time.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call Mr. John Lewis, Jr. of my office at (410) 865-1098, or Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
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cc: John L.
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Dear David:

We have received numerous letters and telephone calls regarding the slow pace at which DOT decides to approve noise abatement projects along I-485 and I-270 in Montgomery County. Enclosed is a recent letter from the Wildwood Hills Citizens Association. Similar points regarding study and re-examination of areas clearly impacted by ever increasing volumes of traffic and modifications to the "Noise Triangle" configuration have been raised by Ms Marilyn Andrulis regarding the Bradley-Farmwood- Greentree-Armat area and the constituents living in the Newbold vicinity.

We have met with Charlie Adams on a number of occasions to discuss these affected areas in light of the new noise abatement guidelines. It appears to us that these areas meet the noise criteria, and have for the most part been in existence either before the Beltway was built or the modifications to the roads were announced. In addition, by piggybacking construction for the entire area onto an already approved project, DOT could save considerable construction and study costs.

Please look into this matter and help us quickly restore the quality of life to these neighborhoods. We appreciate your efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

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December 17, 1997

The Honorable Betty Ann Krahnke
Member
Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
Rockville MD 20850

Betty Ann
Dear Councilwoman Krahnke:

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This review is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. A State Highway Administration (SHA) representative will contact you and Council President Praisner with the results when they become available.

Again, thank you for your continued interest in the sound barrier program. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll-free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
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November 20, 1997

BETTY ANN KRAHNKE

David Winstead
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Dear Mr. Winstead:

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Sincerely,

Betty Ann Krahne
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The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne
Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Councilwoman Krahne:

Thank you for your recent letter in support of our revised sound barrier policy. I am pleased to hear that you feel there have been improvements over the previous policy. Our intent when we undertook the review was to increase the flexibility of the approach to the review and evaluation of requests for sound barriers.

You have maintained a strong interest in the issue of sound barriers, particularly in the noise triangle area of the I-270 spurs and I-495. The State Highway Administration has completed a preliminary review of the issues at numerous communities and as a result of this review still has a little remaining work to do. It is anticipated that this additional analysis will be completed by the end of the summer, at which time you will be contacted. We want to make sure that our decisions on sound barriers are fair and equitable.

Again, thank you for your continued interest in the sound barrier program and also your patience and understanding as we work through these reviews. If you have any questions, please give me a call or feel free to contact Ms. Leslie Frelow of my office. Ms. Frelow may be reached at (410) 865-1010.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Ms. Leslie Frelow, Special Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department
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**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE**

LOG DATE: 11/26/97 /cdj SERIAL#: 9747

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 11/28/97

FROM: KRAHNKE, BETTY A 11/20/97

RE: STATE CRITERIA FOR NOISE WALLS ALONG I-495 & I-270 RESPOND BY: 12/05/97
WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THE RESULTS OF THE STUDIES.

- ☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE ON BEHALF OF GOVERNOR (Note Governor as cc)
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- ☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE
- ☐ PLEASE HANDLE AS APPROPRIATE

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ASSIGNED TO: Charlie Adams DATE: 11-28-97
TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 12-4-97
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

FOR USE BY ASSIGNED AREA

RESPONSE PREPARED BY: Philip Troll - 410-545-8600 - Nov 30 1997
(Name / Telephone / Date)
TYPED BY: Philip Troll
PROOFREAD BY: _____

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(You can buy yourself some additional time in preparing a written reply by telephoning the constituent, explaining what's happening, and indicating when he/she may expect a formal reply. Please fill this portion and mail back the yellow sheet to obtain an extension on your reply deadline.)

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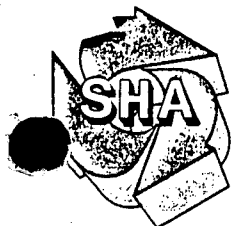
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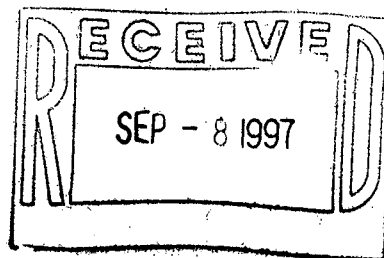
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The Honorable Betty Ann Krahne
Member, Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850



Dear Council Member Krahne:

At a briefing with Mr. Mark Crampton and Mr. Thomas Folse, you requested information on recent and ongoing analyses of the noise affecting homes on Windermere Circle and Charnwood Drive in the Windermere community of North Bethesda. In response, I enclose an excerpt from the "Finding of No Significant Impact" (FONSI) for the I-270 interchanges at MD 187 and Rockledge Drive and the I-270 Spur interchanges at Democracy Boulevard and Fernwood Road. The excerpt summarizes noise impacts associated with approved combination of alternatives. After construction, we expect noise receptors along Windermere Circle and Charnwood Drive (Noise Sensitive Area H) to experience up to a nine decibel decrease in noise compared to a 2020 No-build condition.

The decrease will result from construction of the new ramps from MD 187 and Rockledge Drive to northbound I-270. These will be built on an earth embankment to be located between I-270 and Charnwood Drive. The embankment will prevent much of the noise generated on I-270 from reaching the Windermere homes. In addition, the ramps will carry less traffic (including fewer trucks), than I-270 will, and traffic on the ramps will travel at slower speeds than will traffic on the highway. As a result, the ramps will generate relatively less noise than will the highway.

Areas along the I-270 spurs and I-495 are being reanalyzed to determine whether noise barriers would be warranted under our revised noise policy. The results should be available this Fall.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring you up to date on this issue. If you would like to discuss this further or need additional information, please feel free to call me or Mr. Neil Pedersen, our Director of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, who can be reached at (410) 545-0411 or Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, State Highway Administration
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April 2, 1997

The Honorable Richard La Vay
Maryland House of Delegates
405 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Richard
Dear Delegate La Vay:

Thank you for your letter requesting early construction of a noise barrier for the Wildwood Hills adjacent to I-270. We certainly appreciate your concern about the traffic noise impacts on this community.

There are a number of communities similar to Wildwood Hills that are being evaluated to determine if they meet the revised State criteria for a noise barrier. Until the State Highway Administration has been able to complete these analyses and a priority order has been established, we are not approving funding for any new Type II (retrofit) noise barriers. A priority rating system has not yet been established, but we may consider one used in the 1980s which was based on the relative degree of traffic impact and the number of impacted residences. This seems reasonable and necessary in order to be fair and objective to all eligible communities Statewide. It is anticipated that we will have more information by the end of this Summer and we will notify you at that time.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me or Mr. Charles Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
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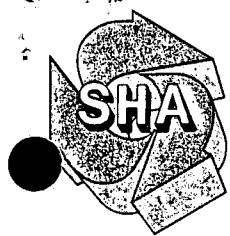
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October 23, 1997

The Honorable Gloria Lawlah
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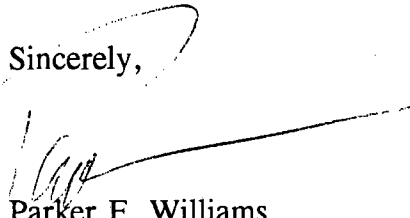
Dear Senator Lawlah:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr. Robert Jones regarding sound barriers along I-495. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on your constituents in the Temple Hills community in Prince George's County.

The Temple Hills community was not previously eligible for a barrier because one could not have been built for a reasonable cost as defined in our prior noise policy. That policy has been revised and we are evaluating a number of communities to determine whether they are now eligible for sound barriers. The Temple Hills community is among those communities being reviewed. We anticipate this work will be completed this Fall, and an SHA representative will contact you once the results are available.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please feel free to call me or Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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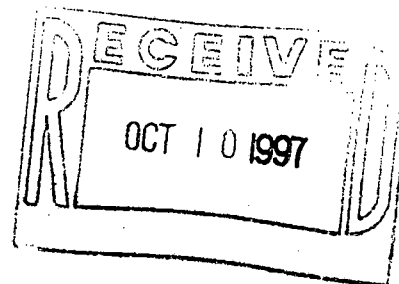
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Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director
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Dear Mr. Adams:

I received a request from a constituent, Mr. Robert Jones, for sound barriers. Mr. Jones lives at 4203 Canterbury Way in Temple Hills, Maryland. His neighborhood borders Exits 7 and 4, (Branch Avenue and Barnabus Road) off of Interstate 495.

He has complaints about excessive noise, air pollution and decreased quality of life for himself and his family. I would greatly appreciate your department reviewing the situation and then responding back to my Annapolis office.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Gloria Lawlah

cc: Mr. Robert Jones

Noise Team

Please draft a
reply for Parker's
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June 23, 1997

The Honorable Gloria Lawlah
Senate of Maryland
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Dear Senator Lawlah:

Thank you for forwarding the letter you received from Ms. Ruth E. Royster regarding a noise barrier for the Temple Hills community. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is evaluating the need for and feasibility of sound barriers for a number of communities along Maryland's interstate highways. The Temple Hills community is included in this group.

This evaluation will determine the extent of impact within the community, whether an effective sound barrier can be built and if the cost of a barrier would meet our cost guidelines. We expect to know whether Temple Hills meets the warrants for a barrier by early Fall, and we will get back to you at that time. In the meantime, if you or Ms. Royster have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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June 3, 1997

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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
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Mr. David L. Winstead, Secretary
MD Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 8755
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*cc: J. Lewis
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Dear Secretary Winstead:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Ms. Ruth E. Royster of Temple Hills, Maryland.

She has detailed the situation in her neighborhood that has made any type of outdoor activity not only unpleasant but truly unhealthy. As you know, due to the increase in traffic volume and consequent noise and pollution, people such as Ms. Royster are suffering as a result. I would greatly appreciate having you review this situation that Ms. Royster describes. The situation will only be exacerbated as more traffic lanes are added and these residents will experience a further decline in their health as well as property values.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,

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April 25, 1997

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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
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Senator Gloria Lawiah

Fax # (301) 839-5281

Re: Noise Abatement
Beltway Sound-Barrier Wall

Dear Senator Lawiah:

Many of the houses in my neighborhood are located near the US 95/495 Highway (called the beltway). Over the years, the traffic on the beltway has increased at least four-fold and with this increase has come intolerable increases in traffic noise from cars and, especially, from large trucks. And now, on the beltway and in the immediate vicinity of our homes, road-widening construction work is currently underway. This new road-widening construction was mandated due to the large increase in traffic flowing both north- and south-ward to and from the Woodrow Wilson Bridge which connects Prince George's County, Maryland and Alexandria, Virginia. When there is a backup on the bridge (which happens often), the noise and gas fumes are ghastly.

We really need some relief. For this reason, we wrote to Mr. Jim Hade and Mr. Gene Miller of the State Highway Administration's Landscape Architectural Division in Baltimore, Maryland requesting the construction of a Sound-Barrier Wall. However, Mr. Hade has not provided any definitive information concerning the construction of the sound-barrier wall. As Sound Barrier walls constructed in Montgomery County have served to minimize noise and pollution in those communities, they should also be constructed in Prince George's County to alleviate the problems currently plaguing our communities. Sound Barrier Walls would help restore a measure of serenity and, indeed security, back to our neighborhood. The unrelenting and constant Beltway noise and pollution have served to make all of us feel insecure and vulnerable. Even though we do have a Neighborhood Watch Program, a young woman who was jogging in our neighborhood just one-half block from nearby homes, was savagely beaten and raped last summer. The police said that no one heard her frantic screams for help due to the loud beltway noises.

So, would you please help us get this sound-barrier wall constructed as soon as possible? If you need information from us, just let me know. If there is anything that we can do to aid and/or expedite the construction of this wall, please call me at work on 1 (202) 682-5755 or call me at home on 1 (301) 423-7574. If you prefer to write, please use the address listed above. Thanks.

Sincerely yours,
Ruth E. Royster



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Deputy Secretary

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April 16, 1997

The Honorable Martin G. Madden
Senate of Maryland
402B James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Madden
Dear Senator Madden:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the funding of the five retrofit sound barriers in Prince George's County. These barriers have been top priorities of Governor Glendening, and I am pleased to be able to inform you we have reached an agreement with the County on funding, which includes a barrier for the Laurel Ridge community. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is completing the design and will move these important projects to construction as quickly as possible.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need any further information regarding this issue, please feel free to call me or SHA's Director of Environmental Design, Mr. Charles Adams, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
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Mr. Charlie Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration



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October 9, 1997

The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr.
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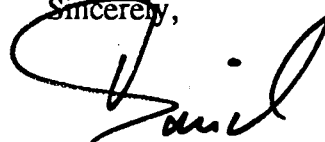

Dear Delegate Malone:

Thank you for your letter concerning noise abatement along I-95. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the residents of the Hunt Club Estates and Lawyer's Hill communities in Howard County.

These communities were not previously eligible for a sound barrier because one could not have been built for a reasonable cost as defined in our prior noise policy. Since then the policy including the cost criterion has been revised. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is currently evaluating a number of communities to determine whether they are now eligible for sound barriers. Hunt Club Estates and Lawyer's Hill are among the communities being evaluated. We anticipate this work will be completed later this Fall, and an SHA representative will contact you once the results are available.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
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Transportation
Mr. John Petty, Assistant to the Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
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Transportation
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✓ Noise Abatement Team, Environmental Design, SHA

Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- September 10, 1997

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JAMES E. MALONE, JR.
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 12A
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HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

August 26, 1997

David L. Winstead
Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
P. O. Box 8755
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Dear Secretary Winstead,

I am writing to you in reference to the feasibility of Sound Barriers in the Elkridge area of Howard County. My area of concern is from the south Tunnel Thruway of 895 and the I-95 connection on the east side, south to just north of Route 100. This includes the neighborhoods of Hunt Club Estates and Lawyer's Hill. These areas were developed before I-95 was built and have always been found to be above the allowable noise limit.

In the past several years there has been a noticeable increase in traffic volume all along the I-95 corridor. I am asking that you please review the entire situation along I-95 in the above communities to reevaluate any possibility of giving these residents some type of noise relief that they so rightfully deserve.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I'll look forward to your response.

Most sincerely,

James E. Malone, Jr.

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June 2, 1997

The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr.
Maryland House of Delegates
1407B Sulphur Spring Road
Baltimore MD 21227-2703

Dear Delegate ~~Malone~~:

This letter is a follow up to the meeting held in your Annapolis office to discuss a possible extension of the noise barrier the State Highway Administration (SHA) is designing on I-95 in the Arbutus area of Baltimore County. Residents of the Riverchase community have expressed an interest in funding an extension of the barrier adjacent to northbound I-95 to protect their area. The Riverchase Community is not eligible for a State-funded sound barrier as it was developed after the construction of I-95.

At our meeting, you asked what the State would charge the community for such an extension. We have looked into your question. It is reasonable to base the cost to the community on the materials, labor, drainage, and site clearing to construct the barrier. This cost would be \$19+/- per square foot of barrier. Although no design has been performed on an extension, our preliminary estimate on the quantity of wall needed to extend to the Selford Road overpass is approximately 49,500 square feet, for a cost of \$983,000. This estimate is based upon a 2250 foot extension at an average height of 23 feet. This information will have to be verified by detailed design analysis. Although it would seem to be an excessive expense, it is in line with our typical cost for sound barriers we have erected in other areas that qualify under the State's highway noise policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information for your constituents. I trust this information adequately addresses your questions. If the Riverchase residents are interested in pursuing an extension based upon this information, they may contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640. If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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February 5, 1997

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The Honorable James E. Malone, Jr.
House of Delegates
304 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the noise barriers on I-95 in the Arbutus area of Baltimore County. It was a pleasure to be able to provide funds for this long-awaited noise barrier project.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has looked into the possibility of including the Riverchase community in this project. Unfortunately, the Riverchase community was built after the construction of I-95 and there have been no changes to the highway since it was originally built. SHA's policy has been to install barriers when a community predates a road or it has been significantly impacted by increased traffic resulting from improvements made to a road or highway. State funding for a barrier in this location would open the SHA to a significant level of requests from other communities throughout Maryland which were constructed after a State road.

It is my understanding that Riverchase residents may be interested in pursuing alternatives, including funding some or all of a barrier themselves. Although the State cannot fund a noise barrier at Riverchase, I have asked Transportation Secretary David Winstead and State Highway Administrator Parker Williams to look into this to see if there is any technical or other assistance which we can provide the community to aid its efforts to obtain alternative funding. Secretary Winstead will contact you directly with the results of this evaluation.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Secretary Winstead at 865-1000. Again, thank you for your letter and we will be glad to offer any assistance possible to the Riverchase community in its effort to gain a noise barrier.

Sincerely,

Parris

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

cc: The Honorable David Winstead, Secretary, Department of Transportation
Mr. Parker Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

The Honorable Jake Mohorovic
State Delegate
308 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401-1991
Dear Delegate Mohorovic:

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Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr. Glenn Werner, about a noise barrier for the Chesaco Park community.

Over the last year we have been working to revise our noise abatement policy to increase its flexibility. While the policy review was underway, noise analyses were postponed pending completion of the review. Now that the review is finished, the State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design will be revisiting the factors of the communities that previously did not qualify for noise barriers. The Chesaco Park community falls into this category. It is expected that re-analysis of these communities will be underway by February 1997. A representative from the Office of Environmental Design will contact you soon to schedule this work.

Thank you again for taking the time to bring the concerns of Mr. Werner to my attention. In the meantime if you have any additional questions please feel free to call Mr. John Lewis, Jr., of my office at (410) 865-1098.

Sincerely,

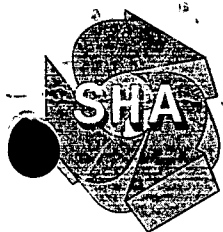
David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. John Grumbach, President, Greater Chesaco Community Association
The Honorable Lou DePazzo
Mr. Glen Werner
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, SHA

The Honorable Jake Mohorovic
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bcc: Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Dave Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA
Mr. Kenneth Polcak, Noise Abatement Team, SHA



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PLEASE REPLY TO:
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August 12, 1997

The Honorable Dan K. Morhaim
Maryland House of Delegates
8 Park Center Court, Suite 100
Owings Mills MD 21117-5609

Dear Delegate Morhaim:

This is a follow up to your recent letter regarding sound barriers for the Timonium-Lutherville area along I-83 in Baltimore County. Over the years, we have received complaints about the level of noise from a number of the communities along I-83 south of Timonium Road.

Previously, under SHA's first noise policy, it was determined that these communities did not meet the requirements for a sound barrier. In December of 1996, a revised policy was adopted. We are now working through the reevaluation of numerous community situations to determine if sound barriers may be warranted under the revised policy. Those communities along the lower portion of I-83 are a part of this reevaluation. This work should be completed by the end of the Summer. Once we have finished, we will contact you with the results of our analyses relative to the I-83 corridor.

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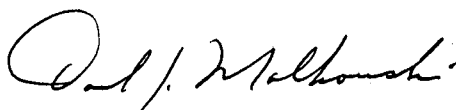
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Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design at (410) 545-8640. A copy of our revised policy is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely,



David J. Malkowski
Metropolitan District Engineer

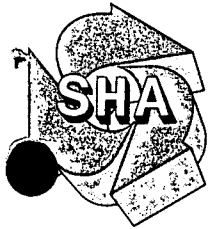
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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration



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State Highway Administration**

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Parris N. Glendening
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Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

September 30, 1997

The Honorable William C. Mulford, II
Member, Anne Arundel County Council
Box 2700
Annapolis MD 21404

Dear Councilman Mulford:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, regarding noise abatement along US 50. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on your constituents in the Wellsview Neighborhood Federation area of Anne Arundel County.

The Wellsview Neighborhood Federation area was not previously eligible for a barrier because one could not have been built for a reasonable cost as defined in our prior noise policy. That policy has been revised and we are evaluating a number of communities to determine whether they are now eligible for sound barriers. The Lindamoor and Riverview Manor communities in the Wellsview Neighborhood Federation are among those communities being reviewed. We anticipate this work will be completed this Fall, and an SHA representative will contact you once the results are available.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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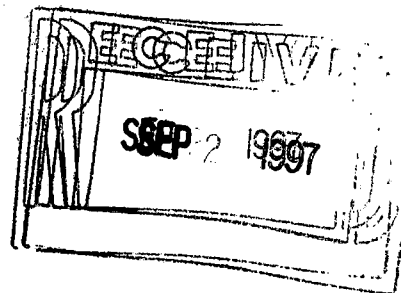
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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

Re: Karen Cook



WILLIAM C. MULFORD, II
Councilman
Sixth District

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

September 17, 1997

Charlie Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design
MD State Highway Administration - C-303
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mr. Adams:

As the Councilman representing District 6, Annapolis, I am writing on behalf of one of my constituent community groups, the Wellsvie Neighborhood Federation. This Federation is comprised of communities which border Route 50 on the west side of the Severn River Bridge.

These communities are interested in obtaining sound barriers along Route 50. The communities pre-date the highway and register the required decibal level for sound barriers. I understand that SHA is currently undertaking a policy review of the standards for sound barriers, which will be completed this fall.

I am writing to urge you to rank the Wellsvie Neighborhood Federation communities high on your priority list. They have endured increased traffic congestion, noise and air pollution, and construction work long enough. Their neighbors just a few miles east over the bridge have received sound barriers during the recent improvements to that section of Route 50.

I would appreciate your careful consideration of this matter. Please contact me if I can be of assistance.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. C. Mulford, II".

William C. Mulford, II

cc: Liles W. Creighton

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Councilman Melford

September 8, 1997

Mr. William C. Hallow
134 Riverview Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Hallow:

Thank you for your letter regarding noise abatement along US 50. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the residents of the Riverview Manor community in Anne Arundel County.

Your community was not previously eligible for a barrier because one could not have been built for a reasonable cost as defined in our prior noise policy. Since then the policy including the cost criterion has been revised. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is currently evaluating a number of communities to determine whether they are now eligible for sound barriers. Yours is one of those communities. We anticipate we will have this work completed this Fall, and a representative from SHA will contact you once the results are available.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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November 3, 1997

The Honorable Christopher J. McCabe
Senate of Maryland
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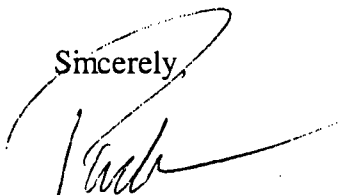
Dear Senator McCabe:

Thank you for your recent letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Environmental Design Director, regarding noise issues along MD 32 in Howard County. Mr. Adams and his staff have been working with citizen and community groups interested in noise mitigation along MD 32, such as sound barriers and additional landscape screening.

The homes in the River Hill community were built after our plans to expand the highway were approved. For this reason, we are unable to consider sound barriers or other forms of mitigation. While we certainly understand your concerns, this criterion is a basic requirement of our noise abatement policy.

Again, thank you for your letter and for your interest in this issue. I regret that we cannot provide a positive response. If you need additional information or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to call Mr. Adams, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

My telephone number is ~~(410) 545-0400~~

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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- October 27, 1997

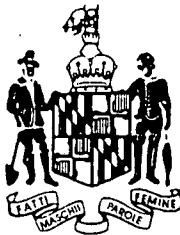
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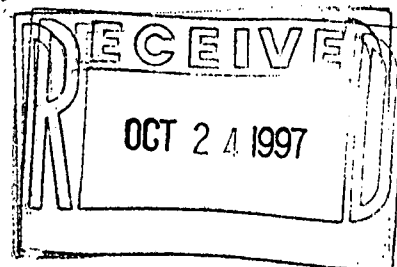
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October 22, 1997



Mr. Charlie Adams
State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
3rd. Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202

Dear Mr. *Charlie* Adams:

Thank you for your efforts to work with the River Hill Community on the noise issue in connection with the opening of Route 32. I was glad to be able to participate in the walk-through of portions of the Route 32 corridor in the Village of River Hill, last February.

In an effort to keep abreast of ongoing developments, I would appreciate if you would provide me with a status of any action the state has taken since the tour. I am aware that the River Hill Community Association is interested in continuing meaningful noise mitigation activities and that the *Ad Hoc Noise Committee* has sent you and other members of the Route 32 work group a proposal and site diagram for your consideration and review. I am attaching another copy for your information. I would like to hear what action we can take on this proposal since noise barriers are not an option.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. McCabe
State Senator

CJM:lb

cc: Josh Heltzer
River Hill Community Association



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TO: Chuck Dammers, *Howard County Department of Planning and Zoning*
David Forester and Greg Klar, *Howard Research and Development*
Charlie Adams, *State Highway Administration*

FROM: Josh Heltzer, *Chair, Ad Hoc Noise Committee* Jmt

DATE: June 21, 1997

SUBJECT: Proposal for Noise Mitigation

Following the walk-through of portions of the Route 32 corridor through the Village of River Hill last February, it was suggested that the next step of discussions be based upon a proposal submitted by the *Ad Hoc Noise Committee* for your consideration and review. Enclosed you will find such a proposal. It includes a site diagram in the form of a Master Plan with annotations on an attached key describing the Committee's proposal for various sectors along Route 32.

The mitigation measures described in this proposal address two concerns: (1) the concern that residents in River Hill are currently experiencing excessive noise levels and (2) the concern that "dualization" of Route 32 between Route 108 and I-70 would exacerbate this untenable situation. (Noise measurements taken by SHA in May 1997 revealed peak hour noise levels of 67 and 70 dBA for 6369 Morning Time Lane and 6305 Morning Time Lane, respectively.) The Committee has therefore proposed a mix of noise retention walls, berm improvements, and heavy concentrations of trees and other vegetation to protect residences at various elevations. Noise walls are proposed for areas where berms cannot be constructed, and berm enhancements are proposed for areas where a sufficient base exists to support additional height.

The Committee realizes that engineered controls such as the ones proposed are costly and, in this context, urges you to consider pursuing an option of noise source reduction. Specifically, the prohibition of heavy trucks or even the restriction of heavy truck traffic to certain hours would be the least costly means from your standpoint to provide for noise mitigation. The Committee urges you to consider such an option in conjunction with the others proposed.

Please let me know when you would like to schedule the next meeting of our Work Group.



Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

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David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

February 28, 1997

The Honorable Christopher J. McCabe
Senate of Maryland
404 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator McCabe: *Chris*

This letter is a follow up to our recent conversation about the noise barrier project on I-70 for the Millbrook community. You asked if Howard County would be required to fund twenty percent of the construction cost and the status of this project and any others in Howard County.

The I-70/Millbrook project is categorized as a Type II noise barrier project and will require Howard County to fund 20% of the cost. The design for this project is nearing completion and we have been in contact with county representatives about the local cost share. It is our understanding that the county is now considering this through their budget process.

You had also inquired about other projects in Howard County. At this time, the Millbrook area is the only identified Type II area in the county. If there are any potential additions to the Type II program in Howard County, these will be identified as we review our statewide program between now and the end of the summer.

I hope this information adequately addresses your questions. If you need any additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Douglas R. Rose
Chief Engineer

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Mr. Robert Fisher

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bcc: Mr. James Hade ✓
Mr. John Lewis, Jr.



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State Highway Administration**

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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February 18, 1997

The Honorable Daniel F. McMullen, III
Administrator
Allegany County
701 Kelly Road
Cumberland MD 21501

Dear Mr. McMullen:

This is a follow up to Secretary Winstead's recent letter to Allegany County Commissioner Bernard L. Loar which transmitted a copy of the revised Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA) noise policy. The policy includes a provision about future approval and funding of Type II noise barriers. These "retrofit" barriers are built for communities which were built before the adjacent State highway was constructed. In the future, Type II barriers will only be considered where the local jurisdiction has enacted measures to prevent the location of noise-sensitive developments in high-noise areas adjacent to State highways. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a copy of the minimum requirements for control of noise at the local level and offer our assistance in your efforts to address this requirement.

Significant investments have been made to provide relief to communities which have been impacted by noise from State highways. As residential developments continue to be approved and built in close proximity to State highways, new residents are exposed to noise impacts. We have identified potential new Type II noise barriers in Allegany County. Each of us--the State and local jurisdictions--has a responsibility to successfully control highway noise. We are committed to working with you to determine if effective noise barriers are feasible and warranted based upon our revised noise policy.

Before we proceed with technical analyses to determine barrier eligibility, we thought it would be appropriate to address the requirement for local controls. I am therefore asking to meet with you or members of the County staff to discuss this issue. We will provide any assistance needed to explain the requirements of our policy and to help you establish local noise controls which meet or exceed the requirements of our policy.

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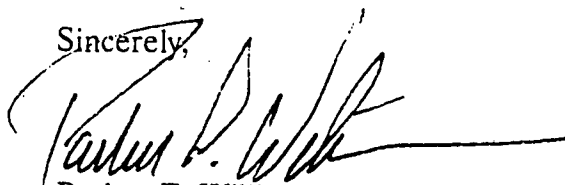
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, will be in touch with you soon to discuss this meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call him at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: ✓ Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation



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Deputy Secretary

January 7, 1998

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The Honorable Robert R. Neall
Senate of Maryland
307 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
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Dear Senator Neall:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the residents of the Lake of the Pines community regarding noise issues along US 50 in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the subject of noise abatement for this community.

The date criterion as defined in the State's noise abatement policy, reviewed by our legislative committee, allows for consideration of mitigation for communities where the homes impacted by highway noise were constructed prior to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval of the highway improvements. Previous monitoring by the State Highway Administration (SHA) determined the majority of the impacted homes post-date approval of the most recent improvements to US 50 and consequently do not meet this basic criterion; therefore, the Lake of the Pines area is ineligible for a sound barrier. While I certainly understand your concerns, the date criteria is a basic requirement of the noise policy. I regret we cannot provide you with a more positive response to your inquiry.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Environmental Design, State Highway Administration, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Enclosures

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Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

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December 8, 1997

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The Honorable David L. Winstead
Maryland Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 8755
BWI Airport, Maryland 21240-0755

Dear Secretary Winstead:

I am writing on behalf of the residents of Lake of the Pines Community in Davidsonville regarding their request to have noise abatement barriers included in the MDOT, State Highway Administration's Noise Policy.

I feel the decision to not install these barriers should be reconsidered in light of the fact that seventy-five percent of the homes were already constructed at the time of MDOT's initial evaluation in the 1980's. However, the remaining twenty-five percent were not. Unfortunately these remaining homes, which were constructed and sold in the mid 80's were the most impacted by the widening of Route 50 because of their location on Village Drive which is adjacent and parallel to Route 50. Also, the widening of Route 50 took with it much of the natural tree buffer that had existed between the existing houses and the original four lane roadway. This has not only impacted the noise factor but has introduced a visual impact as well.

I would appreciate your reconsideration regarding the installation of noise abatement barriers in the Lake of the Pines Community and look forward to your response to this request.

Respectfully,

Robert R. Neall
Robert R. Neall

RRN:bc



**Maryland Department of Transportation
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Parker F. Williams
Administrator

August 28, 1997

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The Honorable Marilyn J. Praisner
President
Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Council President Praisner:

Thank you for sending me a copy of correspondence between you, Mr. John J. Gillon, Jr. and Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design. This letter is sent to update you on the Forest Glen Park community's request for a sound barrier along I-495.

Forest Glen Park was evaluated for a barrier in connection with the I-495 widening project in 1987. Although the predicted noise levels met the definition of "impacted" under the guidelines then in use, it was determined that we could not design a sound barrier which would effectively protect this community. The main stumbling block to an effective barrier was the dramatic change in elevation between the beltway and the community.

Since then, we have adopted a new noise policy (copy enclosed). Communities along existing highways can be eligible for sound barriers under our Type II program. In the Spring of this year, several sites within the Forest Glen Park community were remonitored to verify the level of traffic noise impact. While topography remains a sizable challenge, we will reexamine possible barrier options to see if something can be done. When this work is concluded, we would be pleased to provide the results to both the Montgomery County Council and Mr. Gillon.

Again, thank you for letting us know your constituent's concerns. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Adams, who can be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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The Honorable Marilyn J. Praisner
President, Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
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Dear Council President Praisner:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of Mr. John J. Gillon, Jr.'s June 22 letter to Mr. Charles B. Adams of our Office of Environmental Design and your subsequent July 23 response to Mr. Gillon's July 9 inquiry to the Montgomery County Council. I'd like to bring you up to date regarding noise abatement issues for the Forest Glen Park community along I-495.

This community was studied for a potential barrier with the I-495 widening project in 1987. Under the guidelines in use in the 1987 Type I study, the predicted noise levels met the definition of "impacted". The other guidelines governing noise barrier qualification included a provision that a barrier provide a 10 dBA reduction in noise. A barrier design was studied and was found not to provide adequate protection for the 12 impacted residents, mostly because of the extreme topography of the community.

Communities can be eligible for sound barriers to be built along existing state highways under our Type II program. In the Spring of this year, several sites within the Forest Glen Park community were re-monitored in order to verify previous noise trend predictions and confirm the level of traffic noise impact. While the topography of this area does present sizable obstacle to effective and efficient noise abatement, we will assess additional barrier options.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has initiated a review and re-evaluation of a number of communities that experience traffic noise impacts similar to the situation in Forest Glen Park. As soon as these analyses are finished, we will establish a priority list for those communities where it is determined that noise barriers are warranted. We anticipate that this review will be completed by the end of this summer. When this work is concluded we would be happy to share the results with both the Montgomery County Council as well as Mr. Gallon.

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President, Montgomery County Council
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Again, thank you for your letter and your interest on behalf of your constituents. If you should have any other questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway
Administration

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The Honorable Marilyn J. Praisner
President, Montgomery County Council
Stella B. Werner Council Office Building
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Council President Praisner:

Thank you for forwarding to Mr. Charles B. Adams the copies of Mr. John J. Gillon, Jr.'s June 22 letter to Messrs. Adams and James D. Hade of our Office of Environmental Design and your subsequent July 23 response to his July 9 inquiry to the Montgomery Council. Let me take a moment to help allay some of your concerns regarding noise abatement issues for the Forest Glen Park community along I-495.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has already initiated a review and evaluation of a number of communities that experience traffic noise impacts similar to the situation in Forest Glen Park. As soon as these analyses are finished, we will establish a priority list for those communities where it is determined that noise barriers are warranted. We anticipate that this review will be completed by the end of this summer. When this work is concluded we would be happy to share the results with both the Montgomery County Council as well as Mr. Gillon.

Again, thank for your letter and your interest on behalf of your constituents. If you should have any other questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway
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bcc: Mr. Charles Watkins, State Highway Administration
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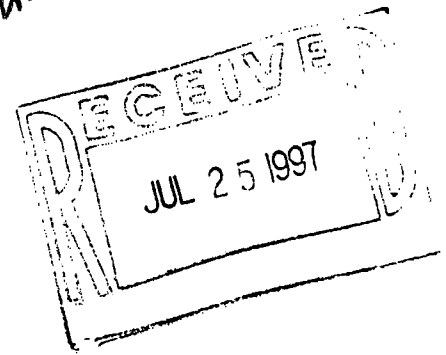


MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

July 23, 1997

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Mr. John J. Gillon, Jr.
2921 Stanton Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20910-1218

Dear Mr. Gillon:

We received your July 9 letter requesting a noise wall on the Capital Beltway for Forest Glen Park. By copy of this letter I am requesting that the State Highway Administration evaluate whether this section of the Beltway meets the criteria for State-funded noise walls, and that SHA respond to both of us as to the results of this evaluation.

Thank you for sharing your concern with the County Council.

Sincerely,

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Marilyn J. Praisner
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July 9, 1997

Hon. Marilyn J. Praisner
President and Council
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Montgomery County Council
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100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

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RE: Beltway Noise: Forest Glen Park, Maryland

Council President Praisner:

My wife Shelley and I ask your assistance in highway-noise abatement in Montgomery County: we live on a hilltop in Forest Glen Park, between Georgia and Connecticut Avenues, in a home built almost 20 years before the Washington Beltway.

As you can see from the enclosed copy of our letter to Messrs. James Hade and Charles Adams--respectively Noise Abatement Team Director and Director/Environmental Design Division, Maryland Highway Administration--thirty years after the construction of the Beltway, MHA has failed to construct sound walls promised almost twenty years ago.

As a result, from our bed room, sitting room, guest room, dining room, kitchen, both baths and both studies, we are compelled to look down into and hear--twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, year after year after year--the noisy abomination MHA allows to continue poisoning our neighborhood.

Because the Beltway is poorly designed and constructed huge tractor-trailer rigs must downshift with explosive backfiring to negotiate the road right at our neighborhood, and trucks and cars screech to a halt in an often-times vain effort to prevent high-speed collisions.

Because of the noise:

- we cannot welcome visitors into our yard to enjoy the summer evenings, weekends and holidays;
- we cannot hold a conversation on the street with our neighbors; and
- our neighborhood is being destroyed.

The Maryland Highway Administration has installed sound walls of sufficient height and structure to protect neighborhoods either side of ours, but left ours unprotected.

We respectfully request your assistance in resolving this matter without further excuses or delays by installing sound walls of sufficient height and structure in our neighborhood on the Inner Loop of the Beltway between Georgia and Connecticut Avenues.

Very truly yours,



JOHN J. GILLON, JR.



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Secretary

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Deputy Secretary

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December 22, 1997

The Honorable Jean W. Roesser
Senate of Maryland
308 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear ~~Senator~~ ^{Team} Roesser:

Thank you for your recent letters regarding the status of a sound barrier for the communities bordering the west spur of I-270 and the I-495/River Road (MD 190) interchange. Thank you also for your efforts on behalf of the residents of the Wildwood Hills community.

Funding decisions for highway improvements, including sound barriers, are made annually and are presented in the Department's Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) each January. We are in the process of finalizing the CTP for 1998-2003 and have noted your request for the construction of a sound barrier for Wildwood Hills. The needs of this community, together with our overall transportation needs and the availability of funds, will be considered as decisions for the final CTP are made.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams or his Director of Environmental Design, Mr. Charles B. Adams. Mr. Adams may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll-free in Maryland, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of Transportation
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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

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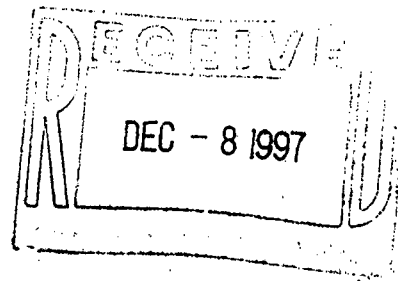
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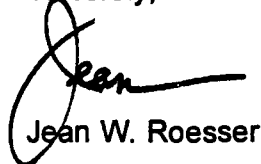
Mr. David L. Winstead
Secretary, Maryland Department
of Transportation
Post Office Box 8755
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Dear David:

Thank you for meeting with Delegate Jean Cryor and me to brief us on the status of sound barrier requests from communities bordering the I-270 west spur and I-495 southbound at the River Road interchange (MD 190). I am pleased that after many years of requests the Wildwood Hills community meets the State Highway Administration's criteria for sound barriers. I would urge you to approve funding for the design and construction of these sound barriers in your Consolidated Transportation Program so that the barrier can be built, hopefully, in 1999.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

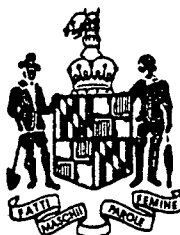

Jean W. Roesser

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cc: Mr. Graham Norton
Mr. Parker Williams
Mr. Charlie Adams
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JEAN W. ROESSER
15TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
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December 3, 1997

Mr. Graham J. Norton, Director
Montgomery County Department of
Public Works and Transportation
101 Monroe Street, EOB 10th Floor
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Graham:

At a recent meeting with Delegate Jean Cryor and me, David Winstead, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, and Charlie Adams, Director of the State Highway Administration Office of Environmental Design, advised us that the Wildwood Hills community in Bethesda meets the State Highway Administration's criteria for sound barriers. I urge you to approve the county's portion of funding for the design and construction of these sound barriers in your Consolidated Transportation Program so that the barrier can be built, hopefully, in 1999.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Jean W. Roesser

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cc: Mr. David L. Winstead
Mr. Parker Williams
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Mr. Eric Eisen

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The Honorable Jean W. Roesser
Senate of Maryland
308 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
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Dear Jean:

Thank you for your letter relative to our recent conversation urging approval of a noise barrier for the Wildwood Hills community adjacent to I-270 in Montgomery County. I certainly appreciate your interest and concern about the impact of traffic noise on this community and want to give you an update on the progress of our work on this issue.

The Governor's recent announcement of Federal, State and County government uniting to enhance the quality of life for citizens in this area was welcome news. We must keep in mind that these projects have been in planning for a number of years, but we have been able to work together to resolve long standing funding issues. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is currently defining a system for objectively prioritizing communities receiving noise abatement procedures, based upon the relative degree of traffic noise and the number of impacted residences. This approach seems both reasonable and necessary to insure that our actions will be equitable to all eligible communities Statewide. I anticipate that we will have developed this list by the end of Summer, at which time I will notify you of the results.

It was very enjoyable speaking with you on the phone last week. If you should have any further questions or concerns at this time, please feel free to call me, or Mr. Charlie Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration
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June 19, 1997

VIA FAX AND USPS
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Mr. David L. Winstead, Secretary
MD Department of Transportation
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Dear David:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation today, I am writing to ask you to approve the installation of sound barriers to shield the Wildwood Hills community from the incessant noise emanating from the widened I-270 spur and the reconstruction of the Democracy Boulevard interchange.

Wildwood Hills was built in the early 1950's, prior to the construction of I-270. For years the community has sought relief from the adverse impact of the I-270 corridor. The recently widened I-270 Spur and the rebuilt Democracy Boulevard interchange have aggravated the noise problems in this neighborhood.

Charlie Adams, Director of the State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design, has advised us that Wildwood Hills meets the State Highway Administration's criteria for sound barriers. With the welcome news of Governor Glendening's approval of increased state funding for sound barriers, we urge you to approve this long awaited and much needed sound protection for Wildwood Hills.

Thank you for your consideration, David, and for the extra effort that you made to return my telephone call to you.

Sincerely,


Jean W. Roesser

JWR:slw

cc: Charles B. Adams via fax 410/209-5003
Eric Eisen
John DeGooyer

Roesser 6/26/97

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The Honorable Jean W. Roesser
Senate of Maryland
308 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Jean:

Thank you for your letter relative to our recent conversation urging approval of a noise barrier for the Wildwood Hills community adjacent to I-270 in Montgomery County. I certainly appreciate your interest and concern about the impact of traffic noise on this community and want to give you an update on the progress of our work on this issue.

Wildwood Hills, I am happy to say, does indeed meet the criteria for a noise barrier. However, there are a number of other deserving communities that also meet the revised criteria. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is currently defining a system for objectively prioritizing all of these communities based upon the relative degree of traffic noise impact, and the number of impacted residences. This approach seems both reasonable and necessary to insure that our actions will be equitable to all eligible communities Statewide. I anticipate that we will have developed this list by the end of Summer, at which time I will notify you of the results.

It was very enjoyable speaking with you on the phone last week. If you should have any further questions or concerns at this time, please feel free to call me, or Mr. Charlie Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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JEAN W. ROESSER
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SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

June 19, 1997

VIA FAX AND USPS
410-865-1334

Mr. David L. Winstead, Secretary
MD Department of Transportation
Post Office Box 8755
BWI Airport MD 21240-0755

Dear David:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation today, I am writing to ask you to approve the installation of sound barriers to shield the Wildwood Hills community from the incessant noise emanating from the widened I-270 spur and the reconstruction of the Democracy Boulevard interchange.

Wildwood Hills was built in the early 1950's, prior to the construction of I-270. For years the community has sought relief from the adverse impact of the I-270 corridor. The recently widened I-270 Spur and the rebuilt Democracy Boulevard interchange have aggravated the noise problems in this neighborhood.

Charlie Adams, Director of the State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design, has advised us that Wildwood Hills meets the State Highway Administration's criteria for sound barriers. With the welcome news of Governor Glendening's approval of increased state funding for sound barriers, we urge you to approve this long awaited and much needed sound protection for Wildwood Hills.

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March 17, 1997

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Mr. David L. Winstead
Secretary, MD Department of
Transportation
Post Office Box 8755
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Dear David:

Following up on our conversation in the State House on Friday -- and in response to your letter of March 11 -- I hope that you can expedite the process for the Wildwood Hills community in Bethesda and authorize the construction of noise barriers there. This Wildwood Hills community predates I-270, Democracy Boulevard, Montgomery Mall and the office park on the Davis Tract, which constitutes an enormous amount of development with attendant traffic. **These residents need relief, and I urgently hope you will help them.**

With best wishes --

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jean W. Roesser".

Jean W. Roesser

JWR:elw

Enclosure: Letter from Eric Eisen, President Wildwood Hills Citizens Association

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. Eric A. Eisen

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Jean Roesser

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Wildwood Hills

Wildwood Hills Citizens Association

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March 6, 1997

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The Honorable Jean W. Roeser
Montgomery County Senate Delegate
308 James Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Roeser:

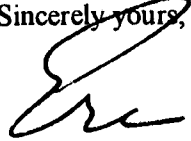
You may recall me as the final speaker in the pre-session funding-priorities meeting held by the Montgomery County delegation at the County's office building in October of 1996. To overcome the numbness caused by several hours of prior speakers, I shouted my opening remarks, noting that shouting was a not-unusual form of communication in my neighborhood, Wildwood Hills, which needed sound barriers to protect it from the noise of adjacent I-270.

I reported that Wildwood Hills, bounded by the Devonshire townhouse community on the south side of Democracy Boulevard, the Bethesda Country Club and I-270, is one of the older neighborhoods in the area, predating I-270, Democracy Boulevard, Montgomery Mall, and the office park on the Davis Tract. As such, it was on the other end of the spectrum of the development concerns voiced that evening: we hadn't said "not in my back yard," we had witnessed the growth of the area, and what we had been asking for, for over a decade, was some insulation of our community from the worst impacts of that development. I noted that Wildwood Hills had at least arguably qualified for barriers for some time but had been caught up in an endless cycle of studies-reconfirming-studies that served as prelude to barriers we still have not seen. And I concluded by asking you to keep our community's need in mind when budget priorities were set in Annapolis.

These points about Wildwood Hills' situation were reiterated by my neighbor John DeGooyer, who is Chair of our Sound Barrier Committee, in a presentation made to the delegation in December.

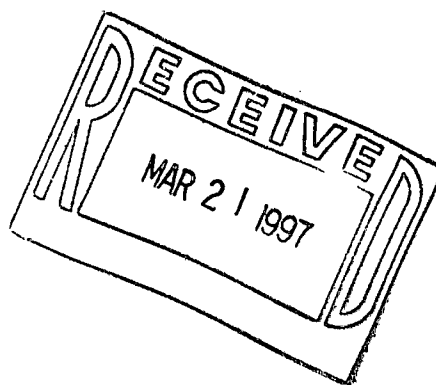
I write now to advise you that Senator Roeser recently received a letter from MDOT Secretary David Winstead informing her that MDOT's latest study confirms what the ones before it have made eminently clear: as Wildwood Hills met the prior criteria of sound barrier eligibility, it also meets the new more relaxed criteria. The book in our community, however, is better than even that a subsequent study, in the year 2001, will confirm this again. I am hoping the odds-makers are wrong about the likelihood of yet more studies. But of one thing I am certain; the cost of all of the studies of our neighborhood's need for sound barriers could have substantially contributed to reducing the cost of the sound barriers I believe we someday will get. Accordingly, I ask you to save our state's money by calling for an end to further studies of our community and a beginning of the next step; i.e., the final design phase for a sound barrier that will protect our neighborhood from the state's project that curves around it. This can be done by working with MDOT to make sure that funds are allocated for and directed to this end. I will attempt to keep you apprised of our own journey through the bureaucracy on this quest, and my community will appreciate your every consideration of its need.

Sincerely yours,


Eric A. Eisen
President

We're sending this to
every member of the Mtg
City delegation

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March 11, 1997

The Honorable Jean W. Roesser
Senate of Maryland
308 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator ~~Roesser~~ *Jam*:

Thank you for your letter requesting early construction of a noise barrier for the Wildwood Hills community adjacent to I-270 in Montgomery County. We certainly appreciate your concern about the traffic noise impacts on this community.

There are a number of communities similar to Wildwood Hills that are being evaluated to determine if they meet the revised criteria for a noise barrier. Until the State Highway Administration has been able to complete these analyses and a priority order has been established, we are not approving funding for any new Type II (retrofit) noise barriers. We have not yet established a priority rating system, but may consider one used in the 1980s which was based on the relative degree of traffic impact and the number of impacted residences. This seems reasonable and necessary in order to be fair and objective to all eligible communities Statewide. We anticipate we will have more information by the end of this Summer and we will notify you at that time.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me or Mr. Charles Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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February 18, 1997

The Honorable Jean W. Roesser
Senate of Maryland
308 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator ~~Roesser~~ Roesser:

This is a follow up to your request for the funding of a noise barrier for the Wildwood Hills community. The completed analysis shows nine homes are impacted and would benefit from a barrier. An additional, non-impacted home would also receive a perceptible benefit. The cost was found to be less than \$50,000 per residence. I trust you will be pleased to know the community meets the current eligibility requirements for a Type II barrier.

A number of other communities similar to Wildwood Hills are being evaluated to determine if they meet the revised criteria. We anticipate this information will be available by the end of the Summer. We are not in a position to begin funding new Type II barriers until these analyses are complete and funding needs and availability can be assessed. I will get back to you when we reach that point.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any questions regarding the technical side of this matter, please feel free to call Mr. Charles Adams, the State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

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January 24, 1997

The Honorable Jean W. Roesser
Senate of Maryland
308 James Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Roesser:

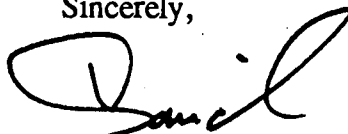
Thank you for your letter requesting funding for a noise barrier for the Wildwood Hills community. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is reviewing the issues surrounding Wildwood Hills.

Wildwood Hills falls under our Type II, or retrofit program. The criteria for that program include whether the homes predate the original construction of the adjacent highway and whether the noise levels equal or exceed an impact threshold of 66 decibels (dBA). Our investigation showed that Wildwood Hills meets both of these criteria. As a result, our analysis will now focus on the third criterion, which is whether an effective barrier can be built for a reasonable cost. In order to reach a conclusion on that issue, we must determine the number of impacted homes as well as how best to design abatement measures which will provide adequate protection within our cost guidelines.

Once SHA has concluded its evaluation, I will let you know the results. Should this community qualify for noise abatement, we would then prioritize it and all other qualifying projects, according to available funding, balanced with the respective counties' willingness to share 20 percent of their projects' cost.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any questions regarding this evaluation, please feel free to call SHA's Director of Environmental Design, Mr. Charles Adams, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, SHA

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February 18, 1997

The Honorable Jean W. Roesser
Senate of Maryland
308 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
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Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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April 1, 1997

The Honorable Jean W. Roesser
Senate of Maryland
308 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear ~~Senator~~ Roesser:

Thank you for your letter regarding a request for the immediate construction of a noise barrier for the Wildwood Hills community. Your interest on behalf of your constituency in this matter is clearly appreciated.

The State Highway Administration is presently evaluating a number of communities statewide that experience traffic noise impacts similar to Wildwood Hills. Once these analyses are finished, an equitable priority list for constructing noise barriers will be established. Until this investigation is complete, new approvals for funding retrofit barriers will not be made. We anticipate concluding this review by the end of this Summer. I will let you know the results at that time.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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March 13, 1997

The Honorable Ida G. Ruben
Senate of Maryland
204 James Senate Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Ruben:

This letter is a follow up to the discussion on March 10 about the use of recycled tires in noise barriers. You had expressed interest in knowing more about the DuBrook wall system that is being used on a State Highway Administration project in Montgomery County and has been used extensively in Virginia.

By incorporating shredded rubber from recycled tires into the concrete, the DuBrook system creates a very durable, porous surface that absorbs sound. The DuBrook system is being used on I-495 from Old Georgetown Road to west of Fernwood Road. One of the walls being constructed needed to have an absorptive surface on the highway side to prevent the reflection of noise to the opposite side of the highway. The DuBrook system was proposed by the contractor and was accepted because it met our requirements for absorption, was visually acceptable, is long lasting and is not subject to vandalism that could destroy the system.

One of the important elements of any noise wall system is its appearance. The color of the barrier being built on I-495 will be darker than the pictures show, to match the dark brown color of other noise barriers on the beltway in Montgomery County. The ribbed texture is the standard surface for this wall and we found it acceptable in this location. The wall will be located back off of the highway in a wooded area where the texture of the wall will be less visible. A brochure on the DuBrook wall is enclosed for your information.

Thank you for this opportunity to explain the DuBrook barrier. I hope this information answers your questions. If you would like any additional information or have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design, State
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bcc: / Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway
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Mr. John Lewis Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department of
Transportation
Mr. Charlie Watkins, District Engineer, State Highway Administration



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Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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February 18, 1997

The Honorable C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger
County Executive
Baltimore County
Court House
Towson MD 21204

Dear Mr. Ruppertsberger:

This is a follow up to Secretary Winstead's recent letter to you which transmitted a copy of the revised Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA) noise policy. The policy includes a provision about future approval and funding of Type II noise barriers. These "retrofit" barriers are built for communities which were built before the adjacent State highway was constructed. In the future, Type II barriers will only be considered where the local jurisdiction has enacted measures to prevent the location of noise-sensitive developments in high-noise areas adjacent to State highways. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a copy of the minimum requirements for control of noise at the local level and offer our assistance in your efforts to address this requirement.

Significant investments have been made to provide relief to communities which have been impacted by noise from State highways. As residential developments continue to be approved and built in close proximity to State highways, new residents are exposed to noise impacts. We have identified potential new Type II noise barriers in Baltimore County. Each of us--the State and local jurisdictions--has a responsibility to successfully control highway noise. We are committed to working with you to determine if effective noise barriers are feasible and warranted based upon our revised noise policy.

Before we proceed with technical analyses to determine barrier eligibility, we thought it would be appropriate to address the requirement for local controls. I am therefore asking to meet with you or members of the County staff to discuss this issue. We will provide any assistance needed to explain the requirements of our policy and to help you establish local noise controls which meet or exceed the requirements of our policy.

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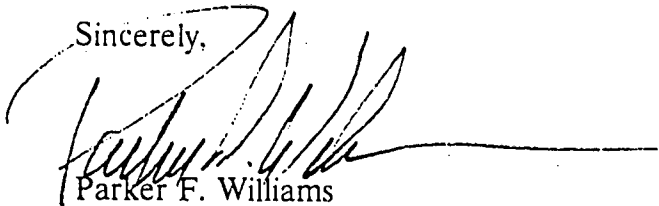
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, will be in touch with you soon to discuss this meeting. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call him at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
Transportation

Draft to CBA
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The Honorable Paul Sarbanes
United States Senate
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Sarbanes:

Thank you for your letter expressing the concern of your constituent, Mr. Bob Whitby, about the impact from Perring Parkway on the Herring Run Watershed. Your interest in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

The parkway designation given to this route is somewhat misleading. Although Federal funds were used in the construction of this artery, it is not considered a true parkway by Federal Highway Administration definition. They define a parkway as, "An arterial highway for noncommercial traffic, with full or partial control of access, and usually located within a park or a ribbon of parklike developments."

Perring Parkway has always been open to commercial traffic and its relationship to parkland is problematic. While there are some forested buffers adjacent to the highway, there are many more areas that are highly developed. The section that borders on Mount Pleasant Park is in Baltimore City beyond the jurisdiction of the State Highway Administration. Initially the route was planned to extend into Harford County that would have taken it through Gunpowder Falls State Park. This may be partly the reason for the original "parkway" designation.

Requests by the developer to remove vegetation within the State Highway Administration (SHA) right of way have consistently been denied. Any removal of vegetation that may have occurred at the shopping center was done beyond SHA limits. We have no jurisdiction over private property and are unaware if the developer procured any necessary permits in anticipation of this work.

The new access ramp to the shopping center was approved by the State Highway Administration. In granting the permit, the SHA required the developer to secure any necessary permits. Baltimore County is responsible for overseeing the permit process. We have checked with the County and they have informed us that all necessary permits had been obtained.

The State Highway Administration is extremely attentive to environmental issues within our highway rights of way. Land use development beyond these limits generally fall under County jurisdiction. Regrettably, there are also conflicting views between developers and those who would protect the environment.

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The Honorable Paul Sarbanes
March 12, 1997
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Again, thank you for your interest in this sensitive matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or feel free to call Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design. Mr. Adams may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams
bcc: Ms. Linda Singer
Mr. Ronald T. Burns
Mr. Joseph Vervier



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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February 18, 1997

The Honorable Rodney M. Shoop
County Administrator
Washington County
100 W. Washington Street
Hagerstown MD 21740

Dear Mr. Shoop:

This is a follow up to Secretary Winstead's recent letter to Washington County Commissioner Robert Quidas which transmitted a copy of the revised Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration (SHA) noise policy. The policy includes a provision about future approval and funding of Type II noise barriers. These "retrofit" barriers are built for communities which were built before the adjacent State highway was constructed. In the future, Type II barriers will only be considered where the local jurisdiction has enacted measures to prevent the location of noise-sensitive developments in high-noise areas adjacent to State highways. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a copy of the minimum requirements for control of noise at the local level and offer our assistance in your efforts to address this requirement.

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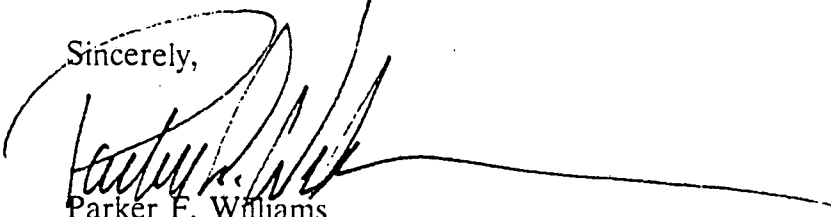
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Sincerely,



Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, SHA
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY
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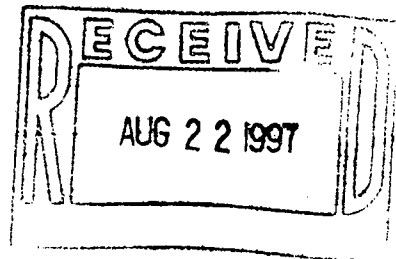
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August 21, 1997

Mr. Charles Adams, Director
Office of Environmental Design
MD State Highway Administration
707 Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21203



Dear Mr. Adams:

For decades the residents of the Forest Glen community bordering on the Washington beltway (I-495) have been requesting the installation of sound barriers. The noise problem has only been getting worse over the years as beltway traffic and congestion have increased.

I appreciate the work you did to help bring noise barriers to the portion of I-495 that runs adjacent to the Woodside Forest community. I believe the Forest Glen community faces just as serious a noise problem.

I understand that you and your office are reviewing the case for sound barriers for the Forest Glen area and that this study will be completed by the end of the summer (I assume this means no later than September 21, 1997). I believe that the Forest Glen community qualifies for sound barriers under the old criteria. However, even if it doesn't, it should certainly qualify under the more flexible standards recently announced by the Governor.

Please keep me updated on this project.

Sincerely,

Chris Van Hollen
Noise Team

Chris Van Hollen, Jr.

cc: David Winstead, Secretary
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The Honorable Albert R. Wynn
407 Cannon House Office Building
Washington DC 20515-2004

Dear Representative Wynn:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Mr. Frank Vispo's concerns about highway traffic noise along I-495 in the Camp Springs area of Prince George's County. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the quality of life enjoyed by your constituents.

A noise level re-evaluation was conducted in Mr. Vispo's community in July. The initial steps in processing the raw data of these analyses have been performed. The analysis process should be completed within a month and a State Highway Administration (SHA) representative will contact you and Mr. Vispo with the results.

A number of communities that experience traffic noise impacts similar to the Camp Springs area are presently being evaluated and reviewed by SHA. Once these analyses are finished, a priority list will be established for those communities where noise barriers are determined to be warranted. We anticipate that this review will be concluded by the end of this summer and we will contact you with the results as they become available.

Thank you for your interest in this issue. In the meantime, if you should have any other questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration

Mr. Frank Vispo
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bcc: Mr. James D. Hade, Team Leader, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway
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Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- August 25, 1997

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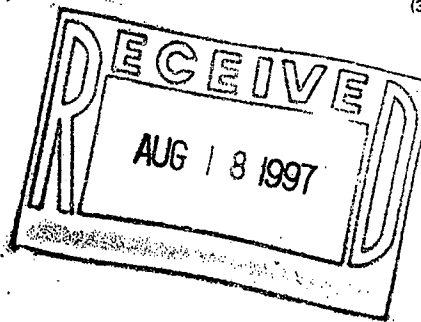
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Mr. Charlie Adams
Director of Environmental Design
Maryland State Highway Administration
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202



Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed please find a letter I received from one of my constituents, Mr. Frank Vispo, expressing his concerns about noise along I-95/I-495 near Auth Road in Camp Springs, Maryland. It is his contention that the noise pollution level in this area exceeds 120 decibels each day.

I am sure you would agree that excessive noise at homes near the Beltway can be a serious problem for residents. I would like to ask you to investigate Mr. Vispo's concerns to determine if a sound barrier is needed at this location, and if so, please advise me of the steps necessary to begin the construction of a barrier.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my Legislative Director, Claudia Arko, at (202) 225-8699. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Albert R. Wynn,
Member of Congress

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THE HONORABLE ALBERT RUSSELL WYNN
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

DEAR CONGRESSMAN,

THIS IS A REQUEST FOR YOUR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO HAVE THE STATE OF MARYLAND BUILD AN ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE BARRIER ALONG INTERSTATE 95/INTERSTATE 495 WHICH IS ADJACENT TO MY PROPERTY. OVER THE YEARS THE COMERCIAL TRUCK TRAFFIC HAS INCREASED EXPONENTIALLY, ALONG WITH COMPLETELY UNREGULATED ENVIORNMENTAL NOISE POLUTION. THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE POLUTION LEVEL AT THIS LOCATION AVERAGES AND EXCEEDS 120 DB. CONTINUOUSLY EVERY DAY. THE ENVIRONMENTAL NOISE POLUTION HAS REACHED AN INTOLERABLE LEVEL AND INCREASES DAILY AS THE COMERCIAL TRUCK TRAFFIC IS PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITH COMPLETE/ABOSLUTELY NO RESPONSIBILITY. THEREFORE, THIS IS AN URGENT REQUEST FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN HAVING AN ENVIORNMENTAL NOISE BARRIER CONSTRUCTED ALONG INTERSTATE 95/INTERSTATE 495 TO BUFFER SOME OF THE OBTRUSIVE AND EXCESSIVE NOISE POLUTION AT THIS LOCATION.

SINCERELY,
Frank Vispo
FRANK VISPO

Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

July 22, 1997

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Parris N. Glendening
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Deputy Secretary

Mr. Frank Vispo
6024 Auth Road
Camp Springs MD 20746

Dear Mr. Vispo:


Thank you for your recent letters to Governor Glendening and State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams regarding highway traffic noise along I-495 in the Camp Springs area of Prince George's County. I certainly appreciate your concern and want to give you an update on the progress of our work on this issue as it relates to your area.

A noise level evaluation was conducted a number of years ago and at that time a noise barrier was not justified based on our cost criteria. Our policy for sound barriers has undergone a number of revisions which could potentially affect the eligibility of some communities which did not qualify under the previous policy. A new analysis will be initiated, the details of which will be discussed and coordinated with you by the State Highway Administration (SHA) staff.

There are a number of communities identified in Prince George's County that continue to be affected by traffic noise. We are reevaluating all communities that did not previously qualify for noise barriers, with the intent to assess these areas under the new policy. We anticipate the analyses and review will be completed by the Fall of this year, at which time we will contact you with the results.

Again, thank you for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need any additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,



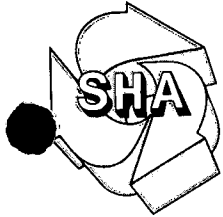
David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
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David L. Winstead
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June 20, 1997

Dear Resident:

The Maryland State Highway Administration will hold an informational meeting on Wednesday, July 2, 1997 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the second floor Assembly Room of The State Highway Administration's District 4 Office, located at 2323 West Joppa Road (Near Falls Road and Joppa Road) Brooklandville, MD 21022.

The purpose of this meeting is to present design details for the traffic noise barrier to be constructed along I-695 (Baltimore Beltway) between Loch Raven Boulevard and Perring Parkway. A question and answer period will be included as part of this meeting.

We encourage your attendance. Your active participation in the meeting is always welcome.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: The Honorable F. Vernon Boozer
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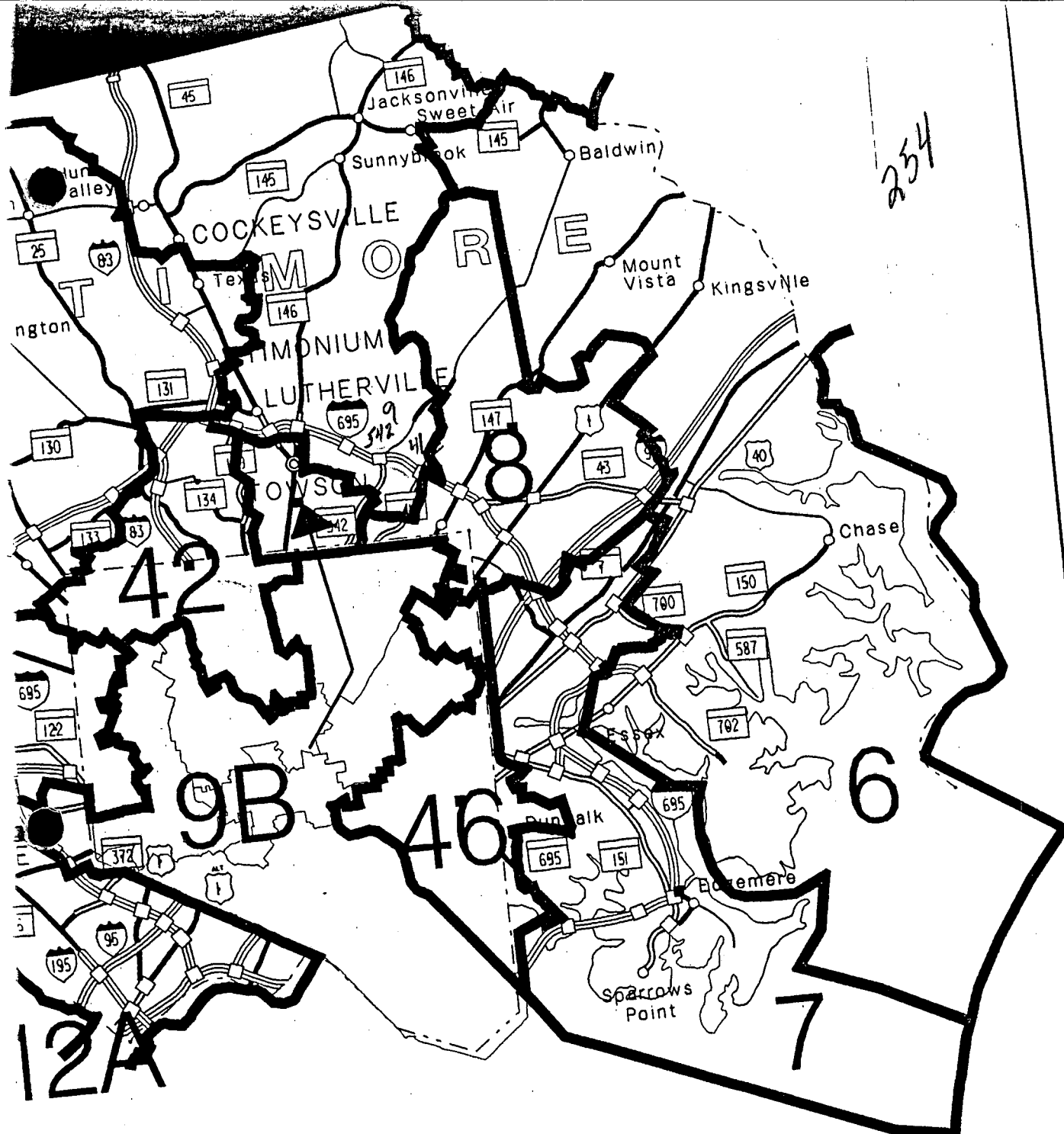
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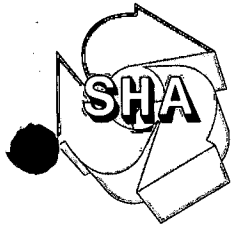
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David L. Winstead
Secretary
Parker F. Williams
Administrator

May 14, 1997

Dear Resident:

The Maryland State Highway Administration will hold an informational meeting on Friday, May 23, 1997 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at High Point High School, 3601 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville, MD 20705.

The purpose of this meeting is to present design details for the traffic noise barrier to be constructed along I-95 from 1200' north of MD 212 to south of Old Gunpowder Mill Road. A question and answer period will be included as part of this meeting.

We encourage your attendance. Your active participation in the meeting is always welcome.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. Charles Watkins
The Honorable Arthur Dorman
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sitter aided police
his wife vanished

MTLIN FRANCKE
AFF

Howard County prosecutor revealed yesterday that he arranged to secretly tape conversations between Stephen Riggins and a 19-year-old girl with whom he was accused of having an illicit sexual relationship. In addition to the sex offenses charged that Riggins has been the center of controversy since his wife, Mary, mysteriously disappeared more than a year ago. Although police have never publicly labeled Riggins a suspect in her disappearance, Riggins acknowledged his oath last fall that he was the target of a homicide investigation.

The existence of the tapes was brought to light in a hearing yesterday in Howard Circuit Court. Riggins, 40, who lived with Nancy, is being brought to bar a jury from seeing the tapes in the trial. Riggins on charges he had a term relationship with his daughter's baby sitter, who is now 19 years old.

It is unclear exactly what the tapes reveal; they were played in court. Lawyers for the baby sitter allowed her to tape telephone conversations she had with Stephen Riggins, as he is called by friends and family, beginning four days after his wife disappeared in July 1996.

Riggins' attorney, Howard Goldman, told Judge Charles B. Dudley that he was to [See Riggins, 5B]

ed the case with the Drug Enforcement Administration, FBI and Baltimore police.

The case began with a tip from an area resident about unusual activity at the Chemical Treatment, Inc. warehouse on Moravia Park Drive in Baltimore. Federal agents staked out the warehouse, setting up cameras inside, combing through trash containers outside, and tailing cars driven by the suspects through six states, court records show.

Federal [See Cocaine, 5B]

Beltway neighbors get reacquainted with quiet

\$44.2 million project is blocking the roar of rush hour on I-695

By MELODY SIMMONS
SUN STAFF

For once, members of the Ciociola family can hear summer's sweet symphony of crickets. Or the ring of the phone. And maybe a little television every now and then.

After nearly 20 years of waiting, the Ciociolas and others on their Lutherville street are finally getting relief from the din of Interstate 695 just beyond their back yards, thanks to the new 26-foot sound barriers in their neighborhood.

"It's made a difference — for the better," says Shawn Ciociola, 42, who lives at the Meadowgate Road home

reeling.

The six friends had put about \$3,000 each into what amounts to an annual high-seas game under way 100 miles off the coast of Maryland. With a record 264 boats chasing the elusive white marlin this week, the tournament remains the largest such event in the world, its organizers say.

The three grand is a drop in the ocean for many of the entrants, the types who spend \$2.4 million on fishing boats the size of a decent back yard or send their private jets to Florida to fly in a world-class captain.

In one sense, Brown is something of an exception. The 61-year-old from

with her parents. "You can leave the windows open now and hear the TV."

This summer, the hulking beige concrete barriers are going up across the northeastern ring of the Beltway, part of a \$44.2 million push to shelter 1,173 homes in seven border communities from the noisy and intense traffic.

Many, like the Ciociolas, have lived just behind the Beltway for decades and watched it grow from a modest thoroughfare that handled 45,000 cars a day in 1965 to a speed track that today serves 170,000 drivers daily in the Towson area alone.

With that growth came the hum of commuter noise — the loud whizzing of cars, an occasional whine from overburdened tires and the baritone rattle of 18-wheelers. Residents retreated inside, many reluctant even to hold a backyard barbecue or a game of horseshoes.

Marina in Ocean City to have their fish weighed.

Broad Run, Va., is the only painting contractor known to be in the tournament. Last year, he used his cut of the \$416,890 first prize to remodel part of his house and help his wife pay credit card debts.

Now, 12 months later, with the marlin on the line, it looked as if he could go to work on the rest of the house.

But each time the marlin jumped from the water, the oohs and aahs on deck became less and less enthusiastic.

By the time the fish was lifted into the boat, it was clear that it wasn't going to win anyone anything. Estimated at about 45 pounds — a relative tyke by

other categories of fish, including the much larger blue marlin — a 691-pounder was caught Wednesday — but the money is on the finicky whites.

White marlin often swim after bait for minutes before deciding whether to strike. When they do, they thrash and jump so much that they often pull out of the hooks. The angler must find a delicate but decisive balance, holding the line taut enough to keep the fish hooked but not so tight that the line breaks.

On land, the anglers turn to more social pursuits as the affair becomes a giant dockside cocktail party every evening. One rumor [See Marlin, 5B]



CHIAKI KAWAJIRI: SUN STAFF

Wall of quiet: Mitzy Ciociola and her husband, Salvatore, in front of the new 26-foot sound barriers that separate their neighborhood from Interstate 695 in Lutherville.

"If someone was at the door, I had a hard time hearing them," says Louise Long, also a resident of Meadowvale Road, who says she is getting used to the barrier that dwarfs her backyard garden.

Her neighbor Charlene Gaines adds: "I got so used to the noise that one day I woke up and I finally realized that I didn't hear it anymore. I don't think the kids real-

ized it until they moved away and came back to visit."

The sound barrier project, funded through state, federal and local dollars, in some areas complements a \$55 million Beltway widening project now under way between Towson and Pikesville.

Noise relief is also being offered to residents in parts of the county near other high-

[See Barriers, 12B]

Group plans to save 19th-century homes

Opponents say homes are too dilapidated

By MARILYN MCCRAVEN
SUN STAFF

Controversial plans are moving forward to save a patch of long-neglected and vacant 19th-century alley houses in the 900 block of Lemmon St. in Southwest Baltimore.

Working through the newly founded nonprofit Lemmon Street Local Development Corp., a small band of neighborhood preservationists say they have contracts of sale on five of the alley houses. They also plan to buy three others.

The houses, near the B&O Railroad Museum, were built for Irish immigrant railroad workers around 1840, say preservationists.

"Saving these houses will

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Neighbors of Beltway get a little peace, quiet

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[Barriers, from Page 1B]

ways, along with residents near busy roadways in other counties.

In June, for example, Gov. Parris N. Glendening announced a \$6 million project to build barriers on both sides of Interstate 95 in Arbutus, between Metropolitan and Southwestern boulevards.

Barriers also will be placed along interstates in Howard, Montgomery and Prince George's counties. Many such walls already line the region's other Beltway — Interstate 495 in the Washington suburbs.

"I'm sure it will improve the quality of life," says Johns Hopkins University psychology Professor Stewart H. Hulse, an expert on sound and acoustics, of the barrier construction. "I'm sure it's noisy. The barriers are going to have some effect on the sound levels."

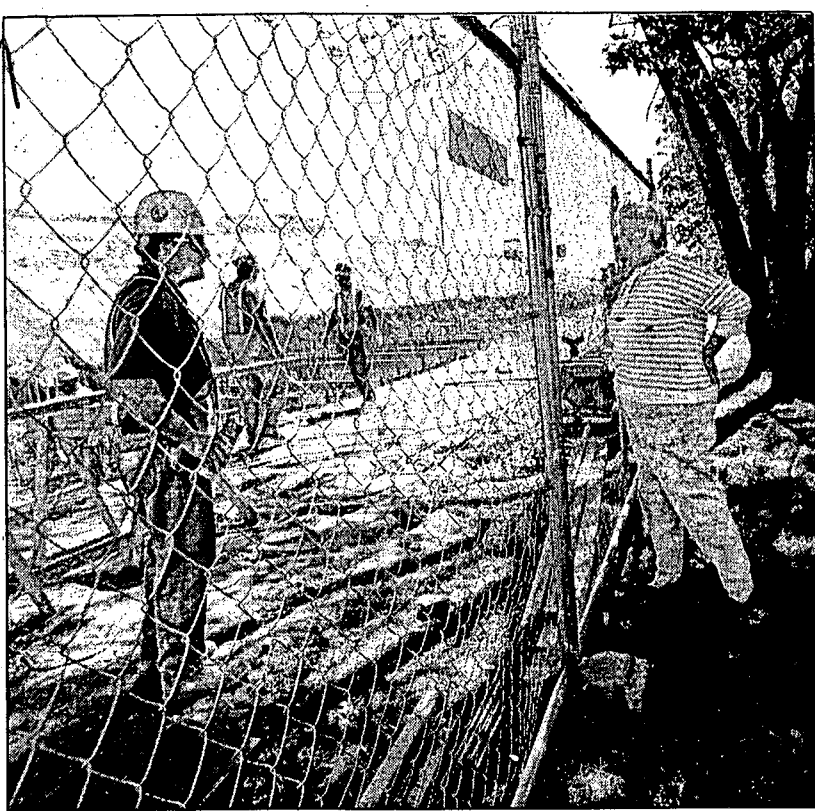
Jesse Free, an engineer for the State Highway Administration's barrier project, said acoustic tests are performed on the Beltway before the walls are designed to determine how high the barriers should be.

A height between 20 and 30 feet sets up a sound wave, as the noise from the road comes up at an angle, bounces off the concrete walls and is deflected back onto the Beltway.

That sound ricochet would make it louder for commuters on I-695, but many have their windows up anyway, so it wouldn't matter, said Randall Scott, an SHA traffic chief.

The construction follows a well-orchestrated blueprint. Trees and shrubs are plowed; cranes put up concrete supports and, finally, the barriers arrive — placed upright into golden-colored steel columns like a jigsaw puzzle. Doors are added for access to fire hydrants.

Along the Beltway's Inner Loop at the Perring Parkway exit and in some areas in Towson, barriers have not sprouted as they have near Dulany Valley Road and in Randallstown.



CHIAKI KAWAKIRI: SUN STAFF

Asking questions: Joan Jewell talks with construction worker Tom Boyle about the barrier project.

Those already up generally get good reviews from their new neighbors, who appreciate the quiet. Even so, some say they have had to adjust to being cut off from the passing scene of the Beltway, which they enjoyed in an odd sort of way.

"The Christmas that it was so icy was fun watching all the cars stop and slide," said Ciociola. "At night now, it's very dark. You can't see anything at all."

Some neighbors even compare the appearance of the tall walls to prison life.

"I was born and raised in the city, one block from the penitentiary, and that wall reminds me of the one at the Pen," says Harold Long, of the barrier in his back yard just off Dulany Valley Road.

For families who now await the

wall, however, living with commuter clatter has proven trying and tiresome.

"Yes, the noise keeps me awake," says Joan Jewell of the 8600 block of Quentin Ave. in the Loch Raven area, which soon will have barriers.

"The barriers are not going to eliminate the noise, but they will be a more livable situation," she adds. "We can't entertain in the back at all — we even put up a glass porch and had re-insulation, siding, new windows, everything possible put in to make it as noiseless as possible, but it can't be helped."

Says neighbor Ellen Barnaba, a 29-year resident of Quentin Avenue: "About 4 a.m., you can hear it start — it's a dull roar and then we can hear brakes squeal. It's just terrible. We need them. The sound has gotten worse and worse over the years."

Hopkins tests allergy medicine effect on SATs

BY A SUN STAFF WRITER

Johns Hopkins Allergy and Asthma Center in Baltimore is seeking high school students who are allergic to ragweed to take the SAT in an effort to determine the effects of allergy medications on SAT scores.

Student scores on the test,

which will be administered tomorrow, will not appear on their records unless they request it.

Candidates must be at least 14 years old and have completed their freshman year of high school. They also must never have taken the SATs.

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**GOVERNOR GLENDENING ANNOUNCES NEW SOUND BARRIERS
TO PROTECT COMMUNITIES FROM HIGHWAY NOISE**

\$22 million earmarked for nine sound barriers in four counties

LANDOVER HILLS, MD (June 16, 1997) — Taking action to improve the quality of life and enhance safety for residents living near interstates, Governor Parris N. Glendening today announced that nine new sound barriers are planned for four counties.

Governor Glendening made the announcement from the backyard of Cheryl and Scott Delamater's home in Bellemeade/Landover Hills. The new sound barrier along US 50 at MD 410 will provide privacy and noise reduction to 78 homes in the community.

"Today, I am happy to announce to the Delamater's and the rest of this community, that the State and County will build a sound barrier to protect you from the noise and enable your children to safely play in their backyards."

The Delamaters, who live 20 feet from the US 50/MD 410 interchange, have hoped for a sound barrier since buying their house in 1989.

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"After many years of hard work, it's nice that the community and county, state and federal governments can come together to solve a common problem," said Mrs. Delamater. "It's been a long time coming, but we're finally going to be able to have our dream house and be able to enjoy our backyard."

This year, the state will begin construction on sound barriers in a total of nine residential areas including: five in Prince George's County, two in Montgomery County, one in Howard County and one in Baltimore County. The federal, state and county governments are paying \$22 million to build the nine sound barriers.

The new sound barriers are just one way the governor's Smart Growth program helps communities. The State's \$15 billion Smart Growth budget offers incentives to businesses and communities that work to improve and enhance existing neighborhoods like this one.

"This sound barrier is a prime example of the cost of building and expanding roads today," Governor Glendening said. "We must take into account communities, as well as the environment, and provide sound barriers, streetscape improvements and landscaping where necessary."

Senator Paul G. Pinsky, who was instrumental in helping the Delamaters and other residents in their strive for sound barriers, said the years of effort were well worth it.

"Persistence and organization really does pay off," Senator Pinsky said. "The people of these communities deserve this victory."

The Governor was joined at the event by the Delamater family, Maryland Transportation Secretary David L. Winstead, State Highway Administrator Parker F. Williams, County Executive Wayne Curry, local elected officials and residents of the community.



**Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration**

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David L. Winstead
Secretary
Hal Kassoff
Administrator

March 13, 1996

Mr. Charles R. Olsen
Director
Baltimore County Department of Public Works
111 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson MD 21204

Dear Mr. Olsen: *Bob*

I am writing in response to your recent letter to Mr. Neil Pedersen about the acceptability of Baltimore County's requirements of developers in the area of noise mitigation.

One of the areas emphasized during the noise policy review was the construction of new developments adjacent to highways without controls. It was felt that there needed to be more control at the local level, where decisions on land use are made. Without this, the State will continue to be faced with requests for noise barriers from new developments.

The noise policy review process is coming to a close and, once it has been completed, we will be in a position to formally address the issue of local controls and the exemption of counties from the match for noise barriers. It would be premature to address this prior to the completion of the review process. You may wish to review the requirements that are presently in place in Howard and Montgomery Counties to get an idea of how they address noise controls for new development. The information you sent to Neil Pedersen did not include any specific requirements based on existing or future noise levels. While we have not determined what the minimum requirements would be to qualify for an exemption, specific noise level thresholds will likely be key to the acceptability of local programs.

If you have any additional questions, please call Charlie Adams. Charlie may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

HL
Hal Kassoff
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen

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Mr. Charles R. Olsen
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bcc: Noise Abatement Team

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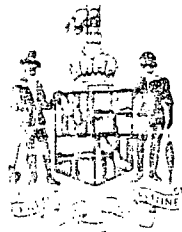
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April 25, 1995

David L. Winstead
Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
P. O. Box 8755
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Dear Secretary *David* Winstead:

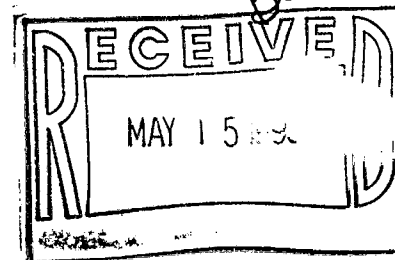
I am in receipt of your recent letter regarding the noise barrier solution for the Eden Roc/Saxony Court area of the Baltimore Beltway (I-695). I am delighted that this area will be included in the upcoming project.

Thank you very much for your assistance in this effort.

Sincerely,

Paula C. Hollinger

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July 19, 1993

The Honorable Leo E. Green
Senate of Maryland
212 James Senate Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

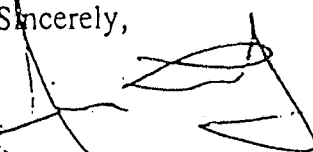
Dear Senator Green:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the Lanham Station Area Citizen's Association about a sound barrier on the Capital Beltway (I-495) between MD 450 and MD 704.

One of the primary criteria which must be met for an area to be considered for noise abatement is the construction date of the homes. Our retrofit sound barrier program applies only if the homes were constructed before the original highway. The studies conducted by the State Highway Administration showed that the majority of the homes in Lanham Station were built after the Beltway, and therefore, this community is not eligible for our program.

Regrettably, the 1992 letter you received from Mr. Creston Mills, SHA's District Engineer was in error. I have enclosed a copy of a letter from Mr. Hal Kasso to you (dated November 1, 1988) which correctly states the facts. I regret any confusion which may have been caused. Unfortunately, this community does not meet our program eligibility requirements.

Sincerely,


O. James Lighthizer
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Hal Kasso
Mr. Creston J. Mills, Jr.

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Mrs. Susan J. Binder
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
The Rotunda - Suite 200
711 West 40th Street
Baltimore MD 21211

Dear Mrs. Binder:

The Maryland State Highway Administration has completed final design for a noise barrier project on US 50 in Prince George's County, Maryland for the communities of Willow Grove, Enterprise Estates and Lottsford/Glendale Estates. These communities should have received noise barriers as part of a previous widening project for US 50, but have now been committed to be constructed.

As a condition for the use of Federal funds, and prior to bid opening, an analysis of all communities along the upgraded US 50 corridor from I-95 (Capital Beltway) to east of the South River Bridge, and within the Baltimore-Annapolis Transportation Corridor Study (BATCS). A report on the findings of this analysis is attached. The findings indicate no was requested by FHWA additional noise barriers are warranted.

We therefore request approval for bid opening for project NH-130-1(8)N from FHWA to apply Federal aid to this project. We are available to discuss the attached report or provide any additional information that you may need. Please contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Office of Environmental Design if you have any questions or need additional information. Charlie may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker Williams
Administrator

Attachment

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Office of Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Office of Project Planning and Preliminary Engineering,
SHA

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Mrs. Susan J. Binder

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Prepared by: Douglas Rose
Chief Engineer

bcc: Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Ken Polcak, Noise Abatement Team, SHA

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The Secretary's Office

September 27, 1996

Parris N. Glendening
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David L. Winstead
Secretary

Thomas L. Osborne
Deputy Secretary

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The Honorable Wayne Curry
County Executive
Prince George's County
County Executive Administration Building
5th Floor
Upper Marlboro MD 20772

Dear County Executive Curry:


Funding for a number of new noise barrier projects was included in the State Highway Administration's (SHA) capital budget beginning in Fiscal Year 1997. Five of these projects are located in Prince George's County. Barriers would protect the Calverton and Laurel Ridge communities on I-95, the Bellemeade community on US 50 and the Kingswood and Lanham Station areas on the Capital Beltway. The attached maps indicate the general limits of each project. Previous analyses performed by SHA determined that all of the noise barrier eligibility criteria have been met. Until now, funding for construction was not available.

These projects are included in SHA's Type II or retrofit noise abatement program. One of the requirements of this program is that the local jurisdiction provide a twenty percent share of the project costs. The design of all of the projects is underway. In order for SHA to proceed with construction, we will need a commitment from Prince George's County for the twenty percent funding share. The estimated cost for these projects is \$9,950,000. The Prince George's County share would be \$1,990,000.

Prince George's County's agreement to provide the twenty percent share of the project costs can be confirmed by writing to Mr. Parker F. Williams, State Highway Administrator. His representatives will contact your staff once this confirmation has been received, to initiate the preparation of a formal agreement between Prince George's County and SHA.

We are pleased to be able to move these projects forward with your assistance. If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the specifics of the projects, please contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams
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Mr. Parker F. Williams

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March 5, 1996

The Honorable Dana Dembrow
Maryland House of Delegates
219A T. H. Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Delegate Dembrow: *Dana*

Thank you for your letter about the status of funding for the noise barrier project for the Indian Spring community.

The Indian Spring community is one of a number of areas which were previously determined to meet all of the eligibility criteria for a noise barrier, as you indicated in your letter. Additional funding for noise barriers has been included in the Consolidated Transportation Plan. The funding schedule and preliminary design information for the Indian Spring barrier project will be determined over the next few months. This project will require a 20% match from Montgomery County. As soon as the preliminary design details have been developed, we will schedule a meeting with the community to present and discuss this information. We will contact your office when this meeting is scheduled.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to call Charlie Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design. Charlie can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Hal Kassoff
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams

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bcc: Mr. Bruce Gartner
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Mr. Charlie Watkins

Prepared by: ~~Shawn Newson~~, OED

Draft to
CPA 12/26/96

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The Honorable Louis L. DePazzo
County Council of Baltimore County
County Courthouse
Towson MD 21204

Dear Councilman DePazzo:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr. Glenn Werner, about a noise barrier for the Chesaco Park community.

Over the last year we have been working to revise our noise abatement policy to increase its flexibility. While the policy review was underway, noise analyses were postponed pending completion of the review. Now that the review is finished, the State Highway Administrations Office of Environmental Design will be revisiting those communities which previously did not qualify for noise barriers. The Chesaco Park community falls into this category. It is expected that re-analysis of these communities will be underway by February 1997. A representative from the Office of Environmental Design will contact Mr. Werner, to schedule this work.

Thank you again for taking the time to bring the concerns of this community to our attention. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Charles Adams, Director of Environmental Design. Mr. Adams may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, OED, SHA
Mr. Glenn Werner

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The Honorable Louis L. DePazzo
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bcc: Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Dave Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA
Mr. Kenneth Polcak, Noise Abatement Team, SHA

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June 28, 1996

The Honorable Arthur Dorman
The Honorable Barbara A. Frush
The Honorable Pauline H. Menes
The Honorable Jim Rosapepe
21st District Delegation
210 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Dorman and Delegates Frush, Menes, and Rosapepe:

Thank you for contacting me on behalf of your constituent, Mrs. Linda Howard, regarding the noise from I-95/495 near her home. As you may already know, Mrs. Howard contacted the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Office of Environmental Design last summer with her concerns about the highway traffic noise.

In response to Mrs. Howard's concerns, it was determined a reanalysis of her community would be conducted once the noise policy review was complete. Now that it is, SHA is scheduling reanalyses of those areas potentially affected by the policy changes. A representative from SHA's Office of Environmental Design will contact Mrs. Howard within the next three weeks to schedule this work.

Again, thank you for letting me know your constituent's concerns. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Ms. Grace Mary Brady
Mrs. Linda Howard
Mr. Hal Kassoff

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The Honorable Arthur Dorman
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June 30, 1996
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bcc: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Mr. James Hade
Mr. John Lewis, Jr.
Ms. Shawn Newson
Mr. Kenneth Polcak

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Thomas L. Osborne
Deputy Secretary

September 24, 1996

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The Honorable Douglas M. Duncan
County Executive
Montgomery County
101 Monroe Street
Rockville MD 20850

Dear County Executive Duncan:

Funding for a number of new noise barrier projects was included in the State Highway Administration's (SHA) capital budget beginning in Fiscal Year 1997. Two of these projects are located on I-495, the Capital Beltway, in Montgomery County. The barriers would protect the Indian Spring and Woodside Forest communities. The attached map indicates the general location of the projects. Previous analyses performed by SHA determined that all of our noise barrier eligibility criteria have been met. Until now, funding for construction was not available.

These projects are included in SHA's Type II or retrofit noise abatement program. One of the requirements of this program is that the local jurisdiction provide a twenty percent share of the project costs. The design of both barrier projects is underway. In order for SHA to proceed with construction, we will need a commitment from Montgomery County for the twenty percent funding share. The estimated cost for these projects is \$5 million. Montgomery County's share would be \$1 million.

Montgomery County's agreement to provide the twenty percent share of the project costs can be confirmed by writing to Mr. Parker F. Williams, State Highway Administrator. His representatives will contact your staff once this confirmation has been received, to initiate the preparation of a formal agreement between Montgomery County and SHA.

We are pleased to be able to move these projects forward with your assistance. If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the specifics of the projects, please contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Mr. John Lewis, Jr.
Mr. Parker F. Williams

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September 24, 1996

The Honorable Charles I. Ecker
County Executive
Howard County
The George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City MD 21043

Dear County Executive *Church* Ecker:

Funding for a number of new noise barrier projects was included in the State Highway Administration's (SHA) capital budget beginning in Fiscal Year 1997. One of these projects is located on eastbound I-70 in Howard County. The barrier would protect the community located on Millbrook Road, just east of the St. John's Lane overpass. The attached map indicates the general limits of the project. Previous analyses performed by SHA determined that all of our noise barrier eligibility criteria have been met. Until now, funding for construction was not available.

This project is included in SHA's Type II or retrofit noise abatement program. One of the requirements of this program is that the local jurisdiction provide a twenty percent share of the project costs. The design of this barrier project is underway. In order for SHA to proceed with construction, we will need a commitment from Howard County for the twenty percent funding share. The estimated cost for this project is \$1 million. Howard County's share would be \$200,000.

Howard County's agreement to provide the twenty percent share of the project cost can be confirmed by writing to Mr. Parker F. Williams, State Highway Administrator. His representatives will contact your staff once this confirmation has been received, to initiate the preparation of a formal agreement between Howard County and SHA.

We are pleased to be able to move this project forward with your assistance. If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the specifics of the project, please contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

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David L. Winstead
Secretary
Hal Kassoff
Administrator

January 29, 1996

The Honorable Nathaniel Exum
Maryland House of Delegates
201 Lowe House Office Building
6 Governor Bladen Boulevard
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Delegate Exum:

I am writing as a follow-up to your recent telephone conversation with Charlie Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, about a noise barrier for the Centennial Village area.

This area was developed after the original construction of the Capital Beltway, and is not eligible for noise barrier consideration under our existing noise policy. As Charlie discussed with you, this policy is under review by a panel of legislators convened by Secretary Winstead. The review is nearing completion and, once a new policy is in place, we will give consideration to Centennial Village in connection with any revisions that might affect their situation.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call me or Charlie Adams. Charlie may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Hal Kassoff
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams

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July 12, 1996

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7/12/96

The Honorable Barbara A. Hoffman
Senate of Maryland
6615 Reisterstown Road
Suite 301
Baltimore MD 21215-2603

Dear Senator Hoffman:

This letter is written as a follow up to our recent discussions regarding a sound barrier for the Grasty Road community adjacent to I-695. When we last talked, I indicated that we needed to complete additional noise measurements at Mr. Orlove's residence to determine if noise levels would reach the impact threshold.

This measurement work has been completed and the results show that noise levels today are below the impact threshold. They are, however, at a level that the future noise levels resulting from the beltway expansion will reach the threshold of 66 decibels. We have also determined that the noise barrier we analyzed can provide some protection to Mr. Orlove's residence. The result is that we have determined that the cost criterion for a noise barrier can be met and we will proceed to add this barrier to the current construction contract. The State Highway Administration will need to complete final design plans for the barriers. As this information is available, SHA designers will meet with the community to present the design.

Thank you for your continued interest in this matter. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Thomas Osborne, Deputy Secretary

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July 12, 1996

bcc: **Mr. Charlie Adams**
Mr. John Lewis
Mr. Hal Kassoff

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The Honorable Barbara A. Hoffman
Senate of Maryland
Suite 301
Reisterstown Road
Baltimore MD 21215-2603

Dear Senator Hoffman:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of Ms. Eleanor Fenwick about the highway traffic noise from the Baltimore Beltway (I-695), near the Brightwood community.

The evaluation of communities for noise abatement eligibility consists of criteria that include: whether the homes predate the original highway, and whether the noise levels equal or exceed an impact threshold of 66 decibels (dBA). Results of a 1995 a noise monitoring study performed at the Brightwood community show that noise levels were well below the State Highway Administration's (SHA), impact threshold. Also, when the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), gave its approval for the I-695 expansion, the Brightwood community had not yet been constructed. The approval date is considered the date of public knowledge of a project. In view of this information, the community is not eligible for noise barriers. Another factor to consider is that because the Brightwood community is located several hundred feet from the Beltway, it is likely that a noise barrier in this area would not provide substantial noise reduction.

When the Falls Road Bridge construction is almost complete, the SHA's Office of Environmental Design will perform a re-analysis of the Brightwood community. They will perform noise monitoring analysis to verify the noise levels, and will look into the feasibility of replacing the vegetation previously removed. When this work has been completed I will contact you with the results of the analysis.

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The Honorable Barbara Hoffman
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Thank you again for your interest in this matter. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to call Mr. John Lewis, Jr., of my office at (410) 865-1098.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Osborne
Deputy Secretary

cc: Mr. John Lewis, Jr.

The Honorable Barbara Hoffman
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bcc: Mr. David L. Winstead
Mr. Charles B. Adams
Mr. James Hade
Ms. Shawn Newson
Mr. David Malkowski

March 19, 1996

The Honorable Barbara A. Hoffman
State Senator
Senate of Maryland
100 James Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Hoffman:

I am writing regarding your interest in the construction of noise barriers along the section of the Baltimore Beltway between the Jones Falls Expressway and the Harrisburg Expressway.

As we had discussed previously, the Department of Transportation agrees to proceed with the design and construction of noise barriers adjacent to the inner and outer loops of the highway along this section of the Beltway. These barriers would normally have been constructed at the time that future expansion in this area occurs. Given this circumstance and the unusually high level of noise in the area, I believe that it is reasonable for the Department to consider advance construction of noise barriers in this area. The funding for the barriers will be 80% state funds and 20% from Baltimore County. This will require agreement from Baltimore County for their portion of the funding. Adequate right of way to accommodate permanent location of the barriers also will have to be donated by the property owners.

The final limits of the noise barriers have yet to be determined and there are still environmental issues that must be worked out. Generally, barriers will be designed and constructed to provide noise level protection to the residences closest to the highway on Carrbridge Circle and Barrow Court along the inner loop and on Fox Hunt Lane, White Manor Drive, Lochmoor Court, Tally-Ho Road, Wilderfield Court and Summer Fields Court adjacent to the outer loop. I anticipate that design work will commence for this project in FY 1997 and that construction will begin in FY 1998. I will contact you again once a firm schedule has been developed.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please call me or feel free to contact Mr. John Lewis of my office. John may be reached at (410) 859-7966.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Tom: Based upon our discussion and our review, this should not go out until the source of funding is identified. The ~~SHA~~ CTP cannot accomodate this to our knowledge without slipping something else. Also, we talked about including a sentence that this project could require a CTP adjustment. *Charlie*

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Also tell Julie that Hal has
not seen the draft.

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David L. Winstead
Secretary
Parker F. Williams
Administrator

September 10, 1996

The Honorable Paula Colodny Hollinger
Senate of Maryland
206 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Hollinger:

Thank you for your recent letter to Charlie Adams about a noise barrier for the Rockland community adjacent to the Baltimore Beltway. Your constituents have also written to Secretary Winstead and me.

As you are aware, we recently revised our statewide noise policy to increase its flexibility. One of the key components of the policy relates to the cost of noise abatement. We previously had a ceiling of \$40,000 per residence, which has been raised to \$50,000. We are aware that in a number of instances, particularly with new highway construction projects, this criterion results in communities not receiving protection. The Rockland area falls into this category.

All of the issues and factors involved in the Rockland area are being reviewed to determine if there is a way that a noise barrier can be provided. We should reach a decision shortly and I will let you know as soon as we have done so. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to call me or Charlie Adams, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, State Highway Administration

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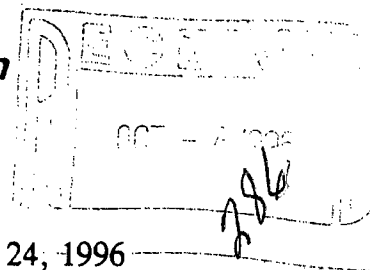
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bcc: Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer,
Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. David Malkowski, District Engineer, State Highway Administration
Ms. Shawn Newson, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration
Mr. Neil J. Pedersen, Director, State Highway Administration
Mr. Douglas Rose, Chief Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Deputy Secretary

September 24, 1996

The Honorable C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger
County Executive
Baltimore County
Court House
Towson MD 21204

Dutch
Dear County Executive Ruppersberger:

Funding for a number of new noise barrier projects was included in the State Highway Administration's (SHA) capital budget beginning in Fiscal Year 1997. Two of these projects are located in Baltimore County. One is on I-95 in the Arbutus area. The other is on the Baltimore Beltway between Joppa Road and Thornton Road. The attached maps indicate the general limits of the two projects. Previous analyses performed by SHA determined that all of our noise barrier eligibility criteria have been met. Until now, funding for construction was not available.

One of the requirements of our noise abatement program is that the local jurisdiction provide a twenty percent share of the project cost. The design of these projects is underway. In order for SHA to proceed with construction, we will need a commitment from Baltimore County for the twenty percent funding share. The estimated cost for the two projects combined is \$12 million. Baltimore County's total share would be \$2.4 million.

Baltimore County's agreement to provide the twenty percent share of the project costs can be confirmed by writing to Mr. Parker F. Williams, State Highway Administrator. His representatives will contact your staff once this confirmation has been received, to initiate the preparation of a formal agreement between the county and SHA.

We are pleased to be able to move these projects forward with your assistance. If you have any questions or would like any additional information about the specifics of any project, please contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA Director of Environmental Design, at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Mr. John Lewis, Jr.
Mr. Neil Pedersen
Mr. Parker F. Williams

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David L. Winstead
Secretary
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June 26, 1996

The Honorable Paul Sarbanes
United States Senate
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Dear Senator Sarbanes:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of the Rockland Community Association, about a noise barrier along the Baltimore Beltway to protect their community.

While we will contact Mr. Idie Ingelhart to discuss the community's concerns, I want to give you some background. During the planning and design phases for the beltway expansion project, a detailed noise analysis was performed to determine the impact that could be expected as a result of the expansion. The Rockland community was one of a number adjacent to the project which was included in this analysis. The results showed that four homes directly adjacent to the inner loop of the beltway, west of the Falls Road bridge, would experience noise levels exceeding the impact threshold.

One of the criteria we use to determine where to build noise barriers is cost. The number of impacted residences which would benefit from a perceivable noise reduction from the barrier is divided into the barrier's cost. The result cannot exceed \$50,000 per residence. In the case of the Rockland community, the few homes located adjacent to the beltway are quite a distance apart. To protect them would require a long barrier that would cost more than \$100,000 per home, well above our maximum. Our studies showed that other areas within the Rockland Community would not experience noise levels above the impact threshold. This does not mean that they do not hear noise from the beltway, but that the levels do not approach that at which we begin to look at abatement.

If you have any questions or would like any additional information please let me know.

Sincerely,

Hal Kassoff
Administrator

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The Honorable Paul Sarbanes
June 26, 1996
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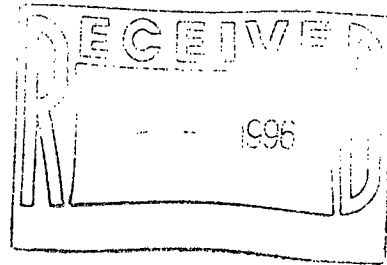
bcc: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Mr. David Chapin
Mr. John Lewis
Mr. David Malkowski
✓ Mr. James Hade



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David L. Winstead
Secretary
Hal Kassoff
Administrator

April 4, 1996



The Honorable Dennis R. Schrader
Vice Chairman
County Council of Howard County
George Howard Building
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City MD 21043-4392

Dear Council Member Schrader:

Thank you for your letter about the noise from I-95 on behalf of the residents of the Cardinal Forest community.

When we receive requests for a noise barrier, we evaluate the area and measure the results against criteria that include: whether the noise levels exceed an impact threshold of 67 decibels; whether the homes predate the highway; and whether a noise barrier is appropriate and can be built at a reasonable cost.

As you state, our noise policy is under review to determine where revisions may be needed. When the review is complete, we will gladly investigate to determine if the community meets the criteria for noise barriers. A representative from our Office of Environmental Design will give you an update on the policy review by the end of June.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me or Charlie Adams, our Director of Environmental Design. Charlie can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Hal Kassoff
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams

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David L. Winstead
Secretary
Hal Kassoff
Administrator

June 13, 1996

Ms. B. Diane Wilson
Special Assistant
Howard County Council
3430 Court House Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Dear Ms. Wilson:

I am writing to let you know about the noise monitoring study for the residents along Glen Oaks Lane in Howard county.

As we discussed, the State Highway Administration will initiate a study to determine if the community meets each of our criteria for noise abatement. When we investigate communities for noise barrier consideration we evaluate each area based on criteria that include: whether the noise impacts approach or exceed 67 decibels (dBA), whether the homes predate the highway, and if an effective noise barrier can be built for a reasonable cost. I will coordinate directly with residents Mr. Edward McKoy and Mr. Adrian Irby to establish a schedule for the noise study. You can expect to hear from me by the end of June with a timeframe for this work.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (410)545-8600.

Sincerely,

Shawn Newson
Noise Abatement Team

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Mr. Adrian Irby
Mr. Dave Lyon
Mr. Edward McKoy
Ms. Camelle Washington

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Secretary
Parker F. Williams
Administrator

November 1, 1996

The Honorable Decatur Trotter
Senate of Maryland
313 James Senate Office Building
110 College Avenue
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Senator Trotter:

This letter is a follow up to your conversation with Mr. Charles Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design. You had asked him about the noise barrier project on US 50 for the Willow Grove/Enterprise Estates/Lottsford communities.

This project has been advertised for construction bids. We are currently completing several revisions to the design to provide a greater opportunity for landscaping between the barriers and the highway, to soften the appearance of the finished barriers to motorists. These revisions should be completed within the next few weeks, and we expect to open bids in December.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of this project. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Adams, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director-Environmental Design,
State Highway Administration
Mr. John Lewis, Jr., State Legislative Officer, Maryland Department
of Transportation

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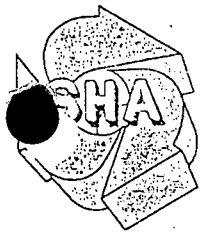
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bcc: Mr. James Hade
Mr. Earl S. Freedman
Mr. Charlie K. Watkins

Prepared by: Charlie Adams, Office of Environmental Design



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O. James Lighthizer
Secretary
Hal Kassoff
Administrator

REASONABLE COST

April 7, 1993

Mr. Bryan Lee
7910 Cypress Grove Lane
Bethesda MD 20818

Dear Mr. Lee:

Thank you for your recent letter to County Executive Neal Potter concerning the traffic noise situation at your residence adjacent to I-495 in Montgomery County. I am responding to your inquiry since the State Highway Administration (SHA) is responsible for this highway and oversees Maryland's Noise Abatement Program.

There are many more requests for noise abatement than we have the resources to address. To utilize these limited resources in the fairest manner possible, we feel it is necessary to restrict noise abatement to those areas where State construction activities cause significant impacts to existing communities. The criteria which must be met for approval of noise abatement for new highway construction includes a significant increase (five decibels or greater) over no-build noise levels. Because the improvements to I-495 were constructed in the median, the maximum increase in noise levels will be one to two decibels.

In addition, we investigated the cost of a noise barrier for the entire area between Seven Locks Road and Persimmon Tree Road. It was determined the cost per residence would far exceed \$40,000 per residence, which is the maximum allowable under SHA's policy. To be specific, the cost of a barrier would be about \$3.5 million, which equates to a cost per residence of over \$140,000.

In summary, the Cypress Grove Lane community fails to meet the reasonable cost criterion, and the noise level increase resulting from the highway improvements will be minor. Therefore, this area is ineligible for noise barriers under our policy.

I regret we are unable to provide a more positive response to your inquiry, but hope you understand our position in this matter. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. Ronald C. Welke
Mr. Creston J. Mills, Jr.

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reasonable cost

September 22, 1993

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Dr. Robert G. Vaughan, III
President
Lutherville Community Association
Post Office Box 6
Lutherville MD 21093

Dear Dr. Vaughan:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise barrier eligibility for the Country Club Park community along I-83 in Baltimore County.

For a community to be eligible for our retrofit noise abatement program a number of criteria must be met. An area must predate the original highway construction, which your community does. Secondly, noise levels must exceed the impact threshold of 67 decibels and the cost of a noise barrier to reduce the noise levels at the impacted residences cannot exceed \$40,000 per residence.

We analyzed the County Club Park area for potential eligibility for our program and found that noise levels at only four residences exceeded the impact threshold. The cost to protect these residences would be approximately \$700,000, which would greatly exceed the cost criteria. Based upon this, your community is not eligible for our program.

I regret we are unable to provide a more positive response to your inquiry. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design. Mr. Adams may be reached at (410) 333-8063.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Horner, Deputy

for Hal Kassoff
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams

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FACTS / HISTORY of Country Club Park. 296

■ Was always identified as part of original project area. (Along w/ Longford North, across I-83)

■ Date ok -

□ Was studied in initial phase of Type II design project.
(Draft report 1/89)

□ Was dropped from further consideration after limits were changed to Seminary Ave (South)

□ Was potential cost problem

- Limited # of impacted homes (monitored) due to diagonal orientation relative to hwy.

- Barrier dimensions / cost:

1524' long

8'-20' high

\$684,500 (@ \$27/sq ft)

(would need 17 residences impacted to be within guidelines for cost)

- Only 3-4 homes @ 67 or above (1988)

□ \$16 additional monitoring done since 1988.



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noise levels

November 29, 1993

Ms. Marsha Gardner
10709 Lady Slipper Terrace
Rockville MD 28052

Dear Ms. Gardner:

I am writing in response to your recent letter to District Engineer, Creston J. Mills, Jr., regarding noise abatement along the I-270 East Spur at your residence.

Earlier this year, in cooperation with the homeowners' association, this office conducted an extensive noise measurement study in the community. It was determined that noise levels in the backyards of the closest residential areas did not exceed 67 decibels (dBA). Sixty-seven decibels is the threshold standard used to determine traffic noise impacts. The reason for the reduced noise levels is the earth berms that were constructed as a part of the Timberlawn development. The berms act as a shield to provide the greatest noise reduction for ground level receptors.

In addition, it is predicted that any future increase in noise levels resulting from the widening of the I-270 East Spur will be minimal (1-2 decibels). This is because the additional lanes are constructed in the median. Based on these facts, the Timberlawn area is not eligible for noise barriers.

I regret that we can not offer a more positive response to your inquiry. If you have any questions concerning this matter or wish to discuss it further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams,

Director

Office of Environmental Design

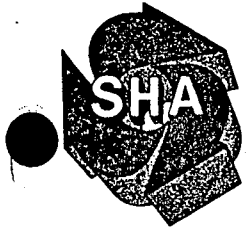
cc: Mr. Creston J. Mills, Jr.

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September 29, 1993

Mr. Brian Thomson
7221 Grubby Thicket Way
Bethesda MD 20817-1510

Dear Mr. Thomson:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning traffic noise at your residence adjacent to the West Spur of I-270 in Montgomery County.

The State Highway Administration Noise Policy requires that a number of criteria be met before noise abatement measures are considered. One of these requires that a significant noise increase must occur as a result of the highway improvement project, or a substantial physical impact be made to the existing conditions.

Since the widening of I-270 will take place in the median of the existing highway, neither of these events will occur. Noise levels are predicted to rise only two decibels - an increase that is not discernable to the human ear. In addition, the roadside environment, which presently serves as a buffer between your residence and the highway, will be untouched. Therefore, this area is ineligible for noise barriers under our policy.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me. I regret we are unable to provide a more positive response to your inquiry, but hope you understand our position in this matter.

Sincerely,

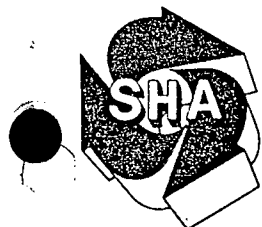
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June 24, 1993

Mr. Tom Moore
2 Owens Court
Rockville MD 20850

Dear Mr. Moore:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise barrier eligibility along I-270 near your home. Let me explain the process involved in determining where noise barriers are constructed.

During the planning stage for the project, I-270 widening, we conducted a detailed environmental impact assessment, and studied the potential adverse impacts including noise. In assessing potential noise impacts, noise levels are evaluated based on the projected future traffic volume for the highway. In addition, noise measurements are taken at "worst-case" noise sensitive locations (typically those closest physically to the highway) to establish a baseline of impact. The "impact zone" in this area was identified as extending out from the edge of the highway no more than about 200 feet.

Future noise levels will not equal or exceed the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) criteria of 67 decibels at any of the homes along Nelson Street, Owens Court, and Beall, Anderson, or Wilson Avenues. The reason lies mainly in the distance of the homes from the highway (over 300-600 feet). Noise energy dissipates as it travels from its source, thus reducing the decibel level. Noise levels at Owens Court would be 3-4 decibels (dBA) below the FHWA criteria level.

For an area to be considered for noise abatement, noise levels must equal or exceed the FHWA criteria level. The noise barrier that was constructed was not extended further to the south because the residences on Nelson Street and others in West End Park are not within the noise impact zone.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with me. I regret that we cannot offer a more positive response, but I hope this has clarified the factors and rationale behind the noise barrier decisions made in this area. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Charlie Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design. Charlie can be reached at (410) 333-8063.

Sincerely,


Hal Kassoff
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams

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Funding

PLEASE REPLY TO:
OFFICE OF DISTRICT ENGINEER
2323 WEST JOPPA ROAD
BROOKLANDVILLE, MARYLAND 21022

March 5, 1993

Mrs. George McGarrigle
5605 Oregon Avenue
Baltimore Maryland 21227

Dear Mrs. McGarrigle:

Thank you for your recent letter about highway noise by your home on Oregon Avenue and I-95.

This particular area had been identified as meeting the noise level criteria and other requirements for sound barriers. However, in all candor, the issue is one of funding.

In addition to the tight state funding outlook, our noise barrier retrofit program requires that if a noise barrier is to advance to construction, there must be county participation in its funding. While I cannot speak for the county, I can tell you that the funding outlook for the program is not very positive. It would be unfair to even venture when or if this barrier will ultimately be built.

I regret we cannot give you a more positive response. However, if you would like more information about the noise barrier program or if you would like to check periodically if there is any movement, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design. He may be reached at 333-8063.

Sincerely,

Charles R. Harrison
Metropolitan District Engineer

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams
Mr. Gene Miller ✓
Mrs. Linda Singer

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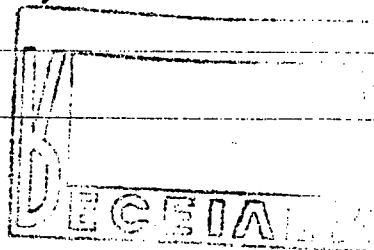
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Spokane, WA 99227
February 10, 1993

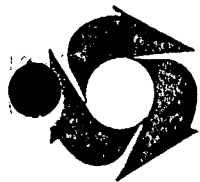
Dear Mr. Harrison,

I reside on Oregon Ave. in Adair's next to the 1-95 overpass. I really hope you can help me with my problem. The noise and the vibration shakes this house so badly my dishes fly out of the dining room Hutch. You can't hear one another speaking without raising your voice to a yell. We rent the upstairs out, but we have already lost two families because of the unbearable noise. My walls are cracking and dishes rattle constantly. There is never a time during a twenty-four hour period that it isn't wall to wall traffic, the noise is unbearable. We would relocate, but my husband recently had a stroke and we are not financially to move.

Anything you could do for us would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. George McElwaine





Maryland Department of Transportation

The Secretary's Office

April 27, 1993

Mr. and Mrs. Roger J. Lewis
4011 Caribon Street
Mitchellville MD 20716

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Lewis:

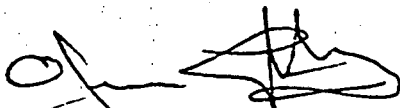
Governor Schaefer has read your recent letter concerning noise barriers for the community of Willow Grove, and is very concerned. He asked me to see if there was something we can do to help. I can understand your feelings about the decision to construct noise barriers at locations where you feel circumstances are similar to yours. I would like to take a moment and explain the rationale behind this decision.

The Willow Grove area does not qualify for a noise barrier because the community was developed after plans for the expansion of US 50 were approved. The difference between your community and the communities of Heritage Harbour and North River Forest is that those two community's barriers were addressed and committed to in the Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the State Highway Administration (SHA). The development plans for these communities were known at the time the planning for the expansion of US 50 was performed. Since Willow Grove was developed after approval of the US 50 improvements, it is not eligible for noise abatement.

I know this may seem harsh and unfair, but our emphasis on noise abatement must be on those communities existing before highway construction is approved. In the case of your area, the expansion of US 50 was known and approved prior to the development of your community.

I regret we cannot offer a positive response to your request, but I hope this clarifies the situation. If you have additional questions, or wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of SHA's Office of Environmental Design, at (410) 333-8063.

Sincerely,


O. James Lighthizer
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams
The Honorable William Donald Schaefer

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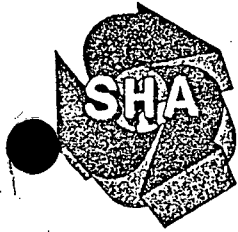
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O. James Lighthizer
Secretary
Hal Kassoff
Administrator

November 29, 1993



The Honorable Helen Delich Bentley
United States House of Representatives
District Office
200 East Joppa Road
Towson MD 21204

Dear Congresswoman Bentley:

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of Mr. William A. Spiegel, secretary of the Hazelwood Park East Civic Association, concerning noise barriers for I-95 between Hamilton and Hazelwood Avenues.

A review of our records indicates that this community does not meet the date requirement for noise barriers under our noise abatement policy. Although many of the homes in this area are relatively old, this community postdates the original construction of the highway, which was completed in 1961.

As you know, there are more requests for noise barriers than we have the resources to address. We must strictly adhere to the policy requirements in order to ensure a fair and equitable method of determining where noise abatement is provided.

I regret we are unable to provide a more positive response to your inquiry. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me or Charlie Adams, Director of our Office of Environmental Design. Charlie may be reached at (410) 333-8063

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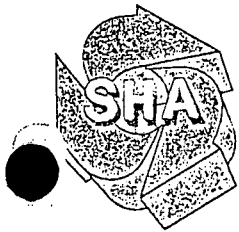
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O. James Lighthizer
Secretary

Hal Kassoff
Administrator

date

August 16, 1993

Mr. Stephen M. Turner, CPA
Turner, Jones & Associates, p.c.
Certified Public Accountants
8245 Boone Boulevard, Suite 704
Vienna VA 22182

Dear Mr. Turner:

Thank you for your recent letter to District Engineer Creston Mills requesting noise barriers for the planned development at Manchester Estates adjacent to I-95/495 in Prince George's County.

The State Highway Administration Noise Abatement Policy specifically excludes communities which post-date the original construction of the highway from consideration of noise abatement measures. To be specific, the actual construction of houses must occur prior to the completion of the highway.

There are many more requests for noise abatement than we have the resources to address. To utilize limited funds in the fairest manner possible, we feel it is necessary to restrict noise abatement to those areas where State construction activities impact existing communities. Since the planned development at Manchester Estates fails to meet the date requirement, this area is ineligible for noise barriers under our current policy.

I regret we are unable to provide a more positive response to your inquiry, but hope you understand our position in this matter. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. Creston J. Mills, Jr.

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May 10, 1993

Mr. David H. Bader
Managing Agent
Grosvenor Homeowners Association
11141 Georgia Avenue, Suite 512
Silver Spring MD 20902

Dear Mr. Bader:

I am writing in response to your recent letter to District 3 Engineer, Creston J. Mills, Jr., concerning traffic noise along I-270 in the vicinity of the Grosvenor community.

Our records indicate that development of this community is fairly recent and the homes did not exist at the time approval for the widening of the I-270 East Spur was received. This is one of several criteria that must be met for an area to be considered for noise abatement under the State Highway Administration Noise Abatement Policy.

There are many more requests for noise barriers that we have the resources to address. We must strictly adhere to the policy requirements in order to ensure a fair and equitable method of determining where noise abatement should be considered and constructed.

I regret we are unable to provide a more positive response to your inquiry. If you have any questions, or wish to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me at (410) 333-8063.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. Creston J. Mills, Jr.

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THOSE BITS OF CORRESPONDENCE ON HOLD

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BERLAGE, DERICK -- Administrator's Control #97NOV12

Date Due: 11/17/97
Re: Noise Barriers along I-495
Community: Forest Glen Park
Notes: No need to respond per CBA
Add name to list to receive the final report

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BOWERS, RONALD F. -- Secretary's Control #7546 DLW for PNG

Date Due: 11/25/97
Re: Requests assistance w/proposed change to road -- Barriers for I-83
Community: Longford North
Notes: On hold per CBA -- 11/19/97

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PESCRILLE, JOSEPH D. -- Secretary's Control #7610 DLW for PNG

Date Due: 12/03/97
Re: Requests consideration of highway noise barriers for I-83 that impacts Longford
Community: Longford North
Notes: On hold per CBA -- 11/19/97
Supersedes Secretary's Control #9684 -- Due 11/26/97
Same letter -- To DLW

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SNOOK, WILLIAM. -- Administrator's Control #97OCT42

Date Due: 10/28/97
Re: Sound Barriers for I-695
Community: Trinity Assembly of God
Notes: Please File per CBA -- 9/08/97

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The follow up end of Summer letter regarding noise barriers went to the following citizens from Charles Adams:

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Ms. Karen Cook
Anne Arundel County Council
P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis MD 21401

Mr. David W. Doar
Ms. Marjorie S. Klein
8225 Stone Tail Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Ms. Ileana Fleishman
8204 Stone Trail Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Mr. John J. Gillon, Jr.
2921 Stanton Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20910-1218

Mr. Thomas Harman
3641 Sylvan Lane
Ellicott City MD 21043

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Havrilko
6370 Lawyers Hill Road
Elkridge MD 21075

Mr. Miles M. Heater
4614 Westhill Road
Ellicott City MD 21043

Mr. Philip R. Hertz
10700 Lady Slipper Terrace
North Bethesda MD 20852

Mr. David Hussong
Ms. Amy R. Hussong
8215 Stone Trail Drive
Bethesda MD 20817

Mrs. Surinder K. Juneja
President for the Residents of
Timberlawn South and
Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's
Association
10734 Pine Haven Terrace
N. Bethesda MD 20852

Mr. Marvin Katz
7506 Shadywood Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Kelly
7606 Hamilton Spring Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Ms. Paula Titus Laboy
Carderock Springs Citizens Association
P.O. Box 34831
Bethesda MD 20827

Mr. Steven Landsman
Property Manager
Abaris Realty, Inc.
11820 Parklawn Drive
Suite 110
Rockville MD 20852

Ms. Barbara B. Langhoff
7511 Hamilton Spring Road
Bethesda MD 20817

Mr. Barry Malter
7334 Heatherhill Court
Bethesda MD 20817

Mr. Joseph P. Martin
7224 Longwood Drive
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Secretary
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Administrator

October 29, 1997

Ms. Karen Cook
Anne Arundel County Council
P.O. Box 2700
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Ms. Cook:

Thank you for your continuing interest in the State Highway Administration's (SHA) comprehensive review of the 1996 Noise Policy. This letter is sent to bring you up to date on our efforts so far.

The State Highway Administration is in the final stages of a statewide review to determine those communities that may be eligible for a sound barrier. The review is taking longer than hoped, but should be completed by the end of the year. A member of our noise team will contact you with the results as they become available.

Again, thank you for your interest. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator

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The follow up end of Summer letter to elected officials regarding noise barriers went to the following:

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Maryland House of Delegates
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The Honorable Frank P. Casula
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City of Laurel
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Laurel MD 20707-2502

The Honorable Brian E. Frosh
Senate of Maryland
Suite 800 West
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The Honorable Gilbert J. Genn
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The Honorable Christopher Van Hollen, Jr.
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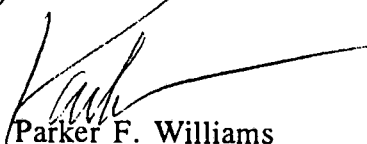
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Again, thank you for your interest. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, our Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,


Parker F. Williams
Administrator

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design

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John J. Gillon, Jr., Esq.
2921 Stanton Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20910-1218

Dear Mr. Gillon:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding sound barriers along I-495 in the Forest Glen Park area of Montgomery County. I empathize with your concern over the impact of highway traffic noise on your community.

Forest Glen Park was considered for a barrier in 1987, when the State Highway Administration (SHA) was preparing to widen I-495. Unfortunately, SHA found that the drastic difference in elevations between your community and the Beltway would have rendered a barrier ineffective.

Since becoming Governor, I directed the Department of Transportation to conduct a comprehensive review of sound barrier issues. This Spring, SHA remonitored several sites in Forest Glen Park to verify the level of traffic noise impact. Although topography still presents a sizable obstacle, SHA will revisit the design issues to determine whether any solutions are available that would help alleviate the noise impact on your community.

Other residents of Forest Glen Park have also written and referred to a previous commitment by the State to build sound barriers in this area. It is my understanding that no record of these commitments has been found. If you or your neighbors have any written documentation, please forward a copy of it to Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, at Mail Stop 303, 707 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

The review of the Forest Glen Park community will be concluded this Fall. Mr. Adams will keep you involved and informed as this review progresses. He will also contact you with the results when this work has been completed.

Again, thank you for your letter and for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Adams at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration

Ms. Susan D. Schwarten
8578 Autumn Harvest
Ellicott City MD 21043

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Dear Ms. Schwarten:

Thank you for forwarding a copy of your recent letter to Mr. James D. Hade of the State Highway Administration appealing the decision to limit additional noise abatement measures for the Autumn Harvest residents. I have reviewed the objections you have raised and offer the following observations.

A review of the environmental documents prepared for MD 100 indicate that noise levels were predicted to increase less than 10 decibels over the pre-highway conditions. It was also anticipated that future noise levels would not exceed 66 decibels in the Autumn Harvest area. The noise measurements you have taken challenge the State Highway Administration (SHA) results. You specifically pointed out that noise levels at the third floor level of your home exceed 77 decibels.

The firststep is to reconcile the differences between the noise level results. One of the variances might be explained by the type of measurement used in each case. The SHA uses a measurement technique which averages the noise levels during a specific period of time. This is called the equivalent noise level or Leq. Another discrepancy might result from the location where the measurements were taken. The SHA predictions are based on a ground level location, generally in the backyard where outdoor activities take place.

In order to ensure fairness to your concerns I have asked Mr. Parker F. Williams, SHA's Administrator to have the situation reviewed and determine if there is a basis for changing the decision. Someone from the State Highway Administration will be in touch with you shortly to discuss the specifics of the noise measurement differences.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640. Again, thank you for your letter and efforts on behalf of the Autumn Harvest residents.

Sincerely,
David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Adams, Hade, Williams

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Mrs. Jean M. Zawitoski
16 Francis Avenue
Baltimore City MD 21227

Dear Mrs. Zawitoski:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding noise abatement issues along I-95, in the vicinity of Francis Avenue in Baltimore County. The Governor asked me to thank you and respond on his behalf.

As you indicated in your letter, your experiences with noise from I-95 are well documented, including your participation in our recent noise barrier policy review. It is situations like yours that directly led to the issuance of a new sound barrier policy to guide our noise abatement program. As a result of the policy revisions, the State Highway Administration is reviewing a number of past decisions on sound barriers to determine if communities that did not previously meet the requirements for a barrier may now qualify. Your community is one of those being reviewed.

One of the basic requirements is that noise levels must be at or above an impact threshold of 66 decibels. Initial noise level measurements taken by the State Highway Administration earlier this year showed that this threshold was not reached in your area. Review of this data has determined that additional noise level measurements are needed because, based upon your input there is reason to believe that the noise level information is not representative of the situation along I-95 at Francis Avenue. Steps are currently being taken to re-monitor the noise levels in your area within the next month. This additional data will determine the level of noise impact and ensure that the noise measurement survey accurately reflects the existing noise conditions. A representative from the State Highway Administration will contact you about the scheduling of these additional measurements. Once this information has been obtained and if it is determined that noise levels do exceed the impact threshold, an analysis will be completed to determine if an effective noise barrier could be built that meets the cost criterion. I have asked that the State Highway Administration keep you involved and informed as this work progresses.

You raised several additional points in your letter that I would like to respond to. While it is true that we are proceeding with a sound barrier project along I-95 in the Arbutus area, this will not include a state funded barrier to protect those homes which were built after I-95 was completed. Residents of the River Chase community are considering the option of funding an extension of one of the sound barriers to provide protection to these homes. If this happens, it will not be funded by the State. Also, I have asked the State Highway Administration to look at the condition of I-95 and see if there is anything that can be done to reduce or eliminate the

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impact noise problem at the bridge over Francis Avenue.

You also raised the question about reducing the speed limit on I-195. This highway is presently posted at 55 m.p.h., which is consistent with its designation as an interstate highway. A reduction in the posted limit would not necessarily be effective in reducing the actual travel speed. Enforcement to try and attain the desired result would continue to be an issue. Lastly, you asked about purchase of your home if a sound barrier could not be provided. We have not done this in the past as a an alternative to the construction of a barrier, although our revised policy does identify this as a possible option in extreme situations. Before we address that possibility, I feel that we need to complete our analyses to see if the requirements for a barrier are met. I certainly recognize your level of concern and frustration with the effects of noise on your home and can only ask that you bear with us a little while longer.

Again, thank for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for taking the time to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration, who can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

bcc: Noise Abatement Team, State Highway Administration

Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- July 25, 1997

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August 1, 1997

Mr. Surinder K. Juneja
President For the Residents of Timberlawn South and
Tuckerman Walk Homeowner's Association
10734 Pine Haven Terrace
N. Bethesda, MD 20852

June 26, 1997

Dear Mr. Juneja:

Thank you for your letter of June 9, ^{about} regarding Noise Abatement issues along the I-270 East spur in Montgomery County. In particular you are concerned about highway noise emanating from I-270 ~~that is~~ adjacent to the Timberlawn community. I would like to take a moment to explain how our noise abatement policy works.

The Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA), noise abatement program has two elements referred to as Type I and Type II. With the Type I program, noise barriers, if warranted, are built in conjunction with new roadway construction or expansion of existing highways. The Type I Policy in effect during 1995 called for:

1. A majority of impacted homes to predate the approval of the highway improvements and,
2. future noise levels with the proposed improvements at capacity must be 5 dBA greater than if no improvements were proposed, and
3. an impact threshold of 67 dBA must be met, and
4. a proposed barrier must cost less than \$40,000 per impacted and protected residence and,
5. a majority of affected residents want a barrier.

The homes in your community did predate the approval date of the highway improvements. The environmental documents for the widening of I 270 East spur predicted no noise level increases for the widening project beyond what would be expected from the non widened highway. The community failed to qualify for Type I noise abatement on this point (element 2 above).

The Type II (retrofit) program, involves the construction of noise barriers for communities along existing highways. One intent of this program is to provide a way to address areas of noise impact that may have resulted from highway construction that occurred before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. The Type II policy in effect in 1995 called for:

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10710 Pine Haven Terrace
Rockville, MD 20852
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1. A majority of the impacted residences must pre-date the original highway and,
2. existing noise levels equal or exceed the impact threshold of 67 dBA and,
3. the impact level is 67 dBA or greater, and
4. the cost of a proposed barrier is less than \$40,000 per impacted and protected residence and,
5. a majority of affected residents want a barrier and,
6. funding is made available for the project.

In the case of the Timberlawn community the majority of impacted homes in the area postdates the completion of I-270 / I 495 system which we hold as 1964 and would not qualify for our Type II noise barrier program.

The new Noise Abatement Policy adopted in December of 1996 is more generous in qualifying communities. As of this date we are studying how best to apply this new policy toward communities previously denied a barrier under the old Type I policy.

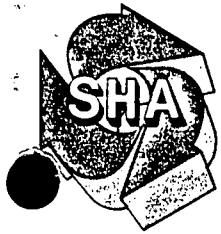
The new Type II Policy still holds that a community must predate the construction of the adjacent highway in order to qualify for noise abatement measures.

Again, thank you for your letter and your concern. I regret that I am unable to offer a more positive response to your request. If you have any other related questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director Office of Environmental Design at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parker F. Williams
Administrator
Maryland State Highway Administration

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Parris N. Glendening
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December 31, 1997

Ms. Dale Allen
Mr. Richard Allen
7000 Rainswood Court
Bethesda MD 20817

Dear Ms. Allen and Mr. Allen:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening, Secretary of Transportation Winstead, and me regarding eligibility and funding for a sound barrier on the inner loop of I-495, from Bradley Boulevard to Greentree Road. The Governor and the Secretary asked me to respond on their behalf.

You expressed concern about a gap between two areas eligible for sound barriers. The end points of a barrier for the Longwood area have not been determined. This will occur during the detailed design phase, and the barrier will be designed to protect homes which are eligible under the provisions of our noise policy. Enclosed is a brochure which will provide more information about the policy.

Again, thank you for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Homer, Deputy
for Parker F. Williams
Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design,
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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, SHA
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, SHA
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, MDOT
/Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
✓Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, SHA

Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- December 17, 1997

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7000 Rainswood Ct.
Bethesda, MD 20817
December 9, 1997

Mr. Parker F. Williams
Administrator
State Highway Administration
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Re: Noise Barriers

Dear Mr. Williams:

At a board meeting of the Bradley Boulevard Citizens Association (BBCA) on November 19, 1997, Senator Brain E. Frosh and State Delegate Marilyn Goldwater, announced that Secretary of Transportation of the State of Maryland has determined that the inner loop of I-495 from Bradley Blvd. to just west of Fernwood Rd. has been determined eligible for noise barriers. However, we are extremely disturbed by the decision to exclude the homes located within 500 feet west of Greentree Road. We feel this is an unfair decision because these homes should also receive the benefit from the barriers.

Would you please review this situation and conclude that the "gap" from from Greentree Rd. to 500 ft. west of Greentree Rd be included for eligibility, although newer homes (built after the Beltway was built) were constructed there. This "gap" runs along Rainswood Ct. and affects other homes on nearby streets as well. These newer homes should be treated on an equal basis just as the newer homes have been treated on Armat Drive and Newbold Drive. We feel they should be "sandwiched" in between these older homes (build prior to the Beltway) located along Longwood Drive., Brooke Drive and Newbold Drive.

We fear that with this potential "gap", soundwaves will be deflected off the outerloop wall increasing the level of noise, making the quality of life unbearable on our street.

Would you kindly reconsider your former decision and include the area behind Rainswood Ct. as being eligible for this project.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

Dale and Richard Allen
Dale & Richard Allen

cc:
Governor Parris N. Glendening
The Honorable David L. Winstead

MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
THE ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE
REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF CORRESPONDENCE

CONTROL #97DEC14
LOG DATE: 12/11/97

SENDER: ALLEN, DALE & RICHARD

RE: NOISE BARRIERS

☒ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR ADMINISTRATOR'S SIGNATURE

☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE

☐ PREPARE RESPONSE FOR GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE

☐ REPLY DIRECTLY, CC: ADMINISTRATOR

ASSIGNED TO: CHARLIE ADAMS

TO BE RETURNED TO ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE BY: 12/18/97

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

RESPONSE PREPARED BY:

Philip J. Hall - 410-545-8600 ext. 114 12/11/97
(Name / Telephone / Date)

TYPED BY:

Philip J. Hall
Jim Edited 12/18 5:50 PM

PROOFREAD BY:

Jim HADE

SENIOR MANAGER'S APPROVAL:

FOLLOW UP BY:

DATE DUE:

WAS THERE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE SENDER? ☐ YES ☐ NO

REMARKS:

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PREPARED CORRESPONDENCE TO
DONNA AUSTIN, SHA
PHONE# (410) 545-0406 FAX# (410) 333-1586



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Deputy Secretary

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February 27, 1997

Ms. Sandra Amundson
24 H Deer Run Court
Baltimore MD 21227

Dear Ms. Amundson:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening and the copy of your letter to Delegate Murphy regarding a noise barrier for the Riverchase community. The Governor has asked me to respond to you on his behalf.

When a decision is made whether to construct a noise barrier, several factors are considered. These include whether the homes predate the original construction of the adjacent highway, whether the noise levels equal or exceed an impact threshold of 66 decibels (dBA), and whether an effective noise barrier can be built for a reasonable cost. Mr. Charles Adams, the State Highway Administration's (SHA) Director of Environmental Design, attended a meeting several months ago at which he explained your community is not eligible for noise barriers because the homes were constructed after the highway.

Mr. Adams informs me the residents of Riverchase may be interested in pursuing alternative funding, including funding some or all of a barrier themselves. Though State funding for a noise barrier at Riverchase is not possible, we have offered to provide technical assistance to aid the community's efforts to obtain alternative funding. The State Highway Administration will be in contact with the Riverchase Community leaders about providing this technical support.

Again, thank you for your letter. I am sorry I cannot offer a more positive response to your request. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call Mr. Adams at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Environmental Design, State Highway
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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bcc: Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. David J. Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, SHA



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David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

July 16, 1997

Ms. Marilyn Andrulis
7220 Armat Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

Dear Ms. Andrulis:

This is a follow-up to our recent telephone conversation regarding the material on the highway traffic noise studies for the Longwood community. My original intention was to fax the information but as you will see, it is somewhat extensive.

Specifically, I have enclosed a graphic depiction of the "sound exposure level" (SEL), one of the data parameters given in the sound level analyzer printouts. In addition, the site diagrams for the recent noise measurement study are also included, as you requested. These should have been included in the appendix of the report sent to you previously.

Finally, we are proceeding with our gathering of the remaining "decision documents" for the projects you listed in your June 2, 1997 letter. Information for some of the completed projects has been a little more difficult to locate since some files are now located off-site, but we are making progress. I anticipate that we will have all the remaining documents assembled by early August.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Polcak
Noise Abatement Design and Analysis Team

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July 3, 1997

Ms. Marilyn Andrulis
7220 Armat Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

Dear Ms. Andrulis:

I am writing to you as a follow-up to our recent meeting to discuss highway traffic noise issues as they relate to the Capital Beltway (I-495) and the Longwood community. Enclosed are several documents that we discussed in the meeting.

Specifically, I have enclosed a complete copy of the "Finding of no Significant Impact" (FONSI) environmental document, dated January, 1989, and the report on the latest noise measurement study conducted in the area.

It was a pleasure to finally meet you in person after many months of telephone conversations, and I look forward to our continued cooperative dialogue and work on this matter. If you have any questions, need more information, or wish to discuss any of the materials enclosed, please feel free to contact me at (410) 545-8601.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Polcak
Noise Abatement Design and Analysis Team

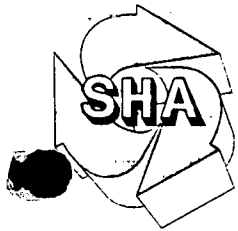
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Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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September 4, 1997

Ms. Lisa Arthur
5123 Clifford Road
Perry Hall, MD 21128

Dear Ms. Arthur

Thank you for your concerns about highway noise from the I-95/MD 43 interchange. It was a pleasure meeting you on August 26, I have attached the results of the 24 hour noise measurement for your information.

As the attached chart shows the noise levels were below the impact threshold of 66 decibels (dBA) for all hours of the measurement. To qualify under the Type II program the noise must equal or exceed the impact threshold and the majority of the impacted homes must predate the original highway. Our records indicate that the community of Lawrence Hill was constructed after I-95 and after the improvements to MD 43 had received approval. Based on date and noise level information your community does not qualify for a sound barrier. I have attached a copy of our noise policy and a copy of our Community Resource Guide for your information.

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MdTA) is responsible for the construction of any sound barriers along I-95 in the area of your community. I have forwarded the 24 hour noise measurements to Mr. Doug Novocin at MdTA.

I regret that I am unable to offer a more positive response. However, if you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to call Mr. Novocin (MdTA) at (410) 288-8484 or me at (410) 545-8598.

Sincerely;

Fred Eisen
Project Manager
Noise Abatement Team

cc: Mr. Charlie Adams
Mr. Doug Novocin w/ attachment
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July 18, 1997

Mrs. Melinda L. Baillieul
1241 Village Lake Drive
Davidsonville MD 21035

Dear Mrs. Baillieul:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding your community and highway noise originating from US 50. The Governor has taken a personal interest to alleviate highway noise to communities along our State highways and asked me to respond on his behalf.

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is evaluating numerous communities in order to determine their eligibility under our revised noise policy. The Lake of the Pines community will be included among those evaluated. This review is scheduled to be finalized in early Fall, and we will contact you when it is completed to discuss the results.

Again, thank you for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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Davidsonville's Lake of the Pines Community and extends
an invitation to visit the area.

June 17, 1997

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Governor Parris N. Glendening
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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DEPUTY SECRETARY GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

David L. Winstead, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 8755, Elm Road
Baltimore-Washington Airport, MD 21240

Gentlemen,

I was pleased to read the article entitled "Glendening Answers Call For More Sound Barriers" carried in today's edition of The Washington Post.

While I realize that not every single request can be met, I would like to restate the problem that I outlined in an earlier letter.

I live in Lake of the Pines, a Davidsonville community that backs up to Route 50. Soon after purchasing our home, the highway was widened bringing it one lane and shoulder nearer to my property line. Trees were removed in the process and a 6 foot chain link fence installed. The promised reforestation has not taken place and the chain link certainly is ineffective with regard to noise abatement and/or personal safety. (See enclosed newspaper article).

Nearly every housing development along the stretch of Route 50 from Davidsonville Road to 665 had sound barriers installed, with the exception of Lake of the Pines and the homes directly across Route 50 from us. I honestly believe the noise is as great along our section of Route 50 as it has been determined to be in Prince George's County.

However, of even greater concern is the detriment to property value. The traffic noise certainly impinges on our quality of life, but it has defeated our efforts to sell. Our home has been on the market for over 18 months without a single interested buyer. We have had many, many people look at the house and have received nothing but positive feedback with regard to the house and price - however, all of our

prospective buyers complain about the proximity to Route 50 and the ever present traffic noise.

My husband and I are both employed and pay all state and local taxes. We have not registered any complaints when our property tax assessments were made. We are concerned that we now, through no fault of our own, have a two acre albatross.

You gentlemen are invited to come to my home to enjoy refreshments in my back yard serenaded by birds and the WHOOSH! of the ever present 18-wheelers (as well as cars, motorcycles, emergency vehicles) and rest to the less than soothing sounds of the amplified bass that comes from the stereos of the passing traffic.

Please, please consider our stretch of ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY as a prospect for sound barriers. I truly would welcome a dialogue regarding this possibility.

Yours truly,

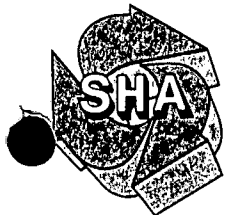
Melinda L. Baillieul

(Mrs.) Melinda L. Baillieul
1241 Village Lake Drive
Davidsonville, MD 21035
(410) 721-1340 Home
(410) 222-5820 Work

cc: All residents of Lake
of the Pines

Delegate Marsha G. Perry
214 Lowe House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Senator John A. Cade
407 James Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401



Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

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June 17, 1997

Mr. Ned Bamburger
60 Blondell Court
Timonium MD 21093

Dear Mr. Bamburger:

This letter is a follow up to our recent telephone conversation about the eligibility of the Mays Chapel community for a noise barrier. The revised state noise policy has retained the date of eligibility for noise barrier consideration as the date that the highway was built. Developments which are built after the highway are not eligible for a noise barrier unless the state were to plan a further capacity expansion of the highway. I am sorry that I cannot give you a positive response to your question about a sound barrier for your community. If you have any questions, please give me a call at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: ☐ Mr. James Hade
Mr. John Lewis, Jr.
Mr. Dave Malkowski

My telephone number is _____

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Deputy Secretary

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September 8, 1997

Mr. David C. Barclay
Ms. Elizabeth F. Barclay
1921 Sleepy Hollow Lane
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. and Ms. Barclay:

Thank you for your letter regarding noise abatement along US 50. I share your concern over the impact of highway noise on the residents of the Riverview Manor community in Anne Arundel County.

Your community was not previously eligible for a barrier because one could not have been built for a reasonable cost as defined in our prior noise policy. Since then the policy including the cost criterion has been revised. The State Highway Administration (SHA) is currently evaluating a number of communities to determine whether they are now eligible for sound barriers. Yours is one of those communities. We anticipate we will have this work completed this Fall, and a representative from SHA will contact you once the results are available.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Mr. David Barclay
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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, SHA
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, SHA
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
~~Noise Abatement Team~~, SHA

Drafted by: Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT August 28, 1997

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NOT Request construction of a sound barrier from the west side of Rt 50 to Bestgate Road near Lindamoore.

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The Honorable Governor Parris N. Glendening
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The Honorable Michael Busch
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6 Governor Bladen Blvd
Annapolis, MD 21401

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OF TRANSPORTATION

The Honorable Virginia Clagett
The Honorable Phillip Bissett
212 Lowe House Office Bldg.
6 Governor Bladen Blvd
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Glendening and District 30 Representatives:

During the planning phase of the Route 50 widening and bridge construction project, representatives from the SHA visited our community of Lindamoore and briefed us on the environmental impact that the project would have on our community. Our officers, at the time, questioned the SHA representatives on the estimate of the proposed traffic increase and specifically addressed both the increase in heavy commercial truck traffic as well as our concern over the attendant increase in noise. We were told of minor increases in traffic and a small increase in road-generated noise.

Since that time, the project has been completed and the increase in truck traffic is not only greater than anticipated but, by its nature, occurs heavily during the evening and early morning hours (i.e. on a 24-hour continuous basis). The road noise associated with the reality of the new traffic patterns on Rt. 50 are significantly greater than expected and exceed the maximums for residential living. As a result, our quality of life has been adversely affected.

Accordingly, we request that the State initiate planning and budgeting activities to install appropriate sound barriers from the west side of the Rt. 50 bridge to the Bestgate Road exit as part of your 1998 fiscal planning.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth F. Barclay
Lindamoore Resident

David C. Barclay
Lindamoore Resident

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ReceiveDate : 8/19/87

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Name : David Barclay
1921 Sleepy Hollow Lane
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Agency : MDOT

Unit : DSI

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November 6, 1997

Mr. William E. Bellamy
Ms. Karen J. Bellamy
6392 Morning Time Lane
Clarksville MD 21029

Dear Mr. and Ms. Bellamy:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Glendening regarding development issues along MD 32. The Governor received your letter and asked me to respond on his behalf.

The impact of noise from MD 32 on River Hill has been under discussion with representatives of your community, the State Highway Administration (SHA), Howard County and the Howard Research and Development Corporation for approximately one year. Unfortunately, the State is unable to consider providing noise mitigation for the River Hill community because the land was developed after the plans for expansion of MD 32 were approved and made public.

The current project planning evaluation being conducted by the State Highway Administration will, as you point out, determine the scope of future improvements to MD 32 west of River Hill to I-70. We are certainly interested in your input into this process and encourage your participation. I agree with you that development needs to be thought out before it is implemented. For this reason, the State's new sound barrier policy requires local controls on new developments, which will be located adjacent to State highways.

Again, thank you for your letter. The Governor appreciates hearing from you, and on his behalf, I also thank you for the interest which prompted you to write. Please feel free to call Mr. Robert Sanders at SHA about the MD 32 project planning process and Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, if you have any questions about the highway noise program. Mr. Sanders may be reached at 410-545-8513 and Mr. Adams may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Robert Sanders, Project Manager, State Highway Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill and Karen Bellamy
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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway Administration
Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Henry Kay, Manager, Office of Systems Planning and Evaluation, Maryland Department of Transportation
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration
Mr. Robert Fisher, District 7 Engineer, State Highway Administration

Drafted by: Mr. Philip Troll, OED/LAD/NAT -- October 20, 1997 -- Serial #7344

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ARCHITECTURE DIVISION

REQUEST FOR PREPARATION OF GOVERNOR'S CORRESPONDENCE

SIGNATURE BY: Winston

LOG DATE: 10/10/97 /dlw SERIAL#: 7344

TO: WILLIAMS

DATE: 10/10/97

FROM: BELAMY, WILLIAM 09/06/97

RE: OPPOSE! THE EXPANSION OF RT 32 IN HOWARD COUNTY

RESPOND BY: 10/17/97

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Neil CHARLIE ADAMS

DATE:

10-14-97

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Jim:
Mentions Noise but
most of concern is
about MD 32
widening.
Fred

Name of Person Called:

Date:

Written follow-up will be prepared by:

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1392 Morning Time Lane
Clarksville, MD 21028

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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Subject : COMPLAINT

Description : Oppose the expansion of Route 32 in Howard County.

SHA

Agency : MDO

Unit : DSI

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William E. & Karen J. Bellamy
6392 Morning Time Lane
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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
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The Honorable Parris N. Glendening
100 State Circle
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Governor Glendening:

I am a resident of the River Hill community which is located in the Columbia/Clarksville area of Howard County. River Hill is a relatively new community, the large majority of residents having moved in over the last year and a half. It's a village which is part of the very famous *planned community* of Columbia which was conceived and developed by the Rouse Company.

The residents of this new village have a problem which is a "quality of life" issue. I believe that you should be aware, from a community of residents perspective, what is happening in Howard County. The situation which has occurred here begs for the structure of a program such as your "Smart Growth Initiative".

The Route 32 expansion now comes directly through the middle of our village. When the village was planned, houses which would be in the noise impact zone were built and sold prior to the opening of the new road. People purchasing these properties were given "little, to mid ending" information from their builders and Realtors concerning the intent and use of the road. Traffic volumes and measured noise levels have already exceeded year 2010 expectations of the State Highway Administration¹.

River Hill is supposed to be the last developed village of Columbia. The developer, Howard County Research and Development (HRD), planned the layout of the community to utilize every bit of useable space for housing, maximizing profits! Where road noise levels were expected to be high and mitigation could not reasonably be provided, waivers were granted by Howard County Planning and Zoning to the developer to allow construction of housing to proceed as planned. Very little space is available for open space; parks, recreational facilities, etc., as was the case in other villages in Columbia.

Residents of River Hill are not only afflicted by the current traffic dilemma and the use of land by the developer, but also face the likelihood of a further widening of Route 32 as is

¹ Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), 1989

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planned by the SHA to accommodate expected increased volumes of traffic to and from the northwest corridor.

There are hundreds of residents of River Hill who are concerned with this quality of life issue. Within a couple of days you should be receiving another letter from the residents village board representative, Mr. Josh Heltzer. This letter will have a copy of a petition signed by 380 households in this community who are demanding that the responsible group address this problem.

Many residents are directly impacted since their houses are dysfunctional. Because of the excessive road noise, some residents can't open their windows and some can't even use bedrooms which face the road. Others are equally concerned because of the threat of declining property values.

The residents, working through the River Hill community Association, formed a committee which solicited the aid of the SHA, HCP&Z, and HRD. This group began meeting in October, 1996. Senator McCabe attended this first meeting suggesting that these groups work together to find a solution to the road noise problem. In June, 1997, at the request of SHA, HCP&Z, and HRD, the residents submitted a proposal addressing alternative mitigation solutions to the noise problem. The proposal was developed by the residents based on theoretical technical solutions which were suggested by SHA, HCP&Z, and HRD during a walk through of the noise impact area in February, 1997. As of this date there has been no reply to this proposal.

The development of this village is an example of how people can get caught in the web of business, and even government agencies, attempting to maximize revenue. It is clearly an example of how Urban sprawl can impact the lives of everyone it touches in a negative sense.

Having directly experienced the negative consequences of Sprawl, I support your "Smart Growth Initiative" program. I believe that development actions should be thought out in terms of what are "win/win" situations before implementation. I would be interested in offering my services on a voluntary basis in support of this program. If I can serve in any capacity, please contact me on 410 531-6491.

In turn, I would ask that you consider supporting our efforts with SHA, HCP&Z, and HRD for solutions to the *quality of life* problem created by this Urban Sprawl situation in the River Hill Village of Columbia. We would like to enjoy the same quality of living as other Columbia residents.

Sincerely Yours,

Bill
Karen

Bill & Karen Bellamy



Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

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David L. Winstead
Secretary
Parker F. Williams
Administrator

April 28, 1997

Ms Marcia Bennett
81 Arverne Court
Baltimore MD 21093

Dear Ms Bennett:

Enclosed is the copy you requested, of the consultant's report on the recent highway traffic noise measurements conducted in the Mays Chapel community adjacent to I-83. The report includes a summary and discussion of the results, as well as maps and diagrams showing the exact locations where each test was conducted.

Also enclosed, is a copy of our revised noise policy for your information. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mr. Ken Polcak of my staff at (410) 545-8601.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: ☒ Mr. James D. Hade
Mr. Ken Polcak

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DATE: August 28th 1997

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Noise Abatement Design
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TO: Capt Paula Bonner ~ 301-619-7175
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

FROM: Philip Troll, Office of Environmental Design - 410-545-8600
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

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Please forward this transmittal to the appropriate person as soon as possible. If you have any problems with this transaction, please call our office at (410) 545-8641. The telephone number for the FAX machine at State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design is (410) 209-5003.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS:

*Hello Capt Bonner,
Here is a faxed copy of our most recent Noise Policy - This will give you the 'hard' version of the facts we discussed a few moments ago. I regret that I couldn't paint a brighter picture for you ~ w/ construction of your community post-dating construction of I-70 a formidable obstacle is established (re: page 1). As I said, our current policy is under review and we are always exploring ideas of how to make the policy more citizen friendly, yet still be fiscally responsible. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call ~ If I can ~ I'll answer them ~ If not I'll try to get you in touch with someone who can*

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*Thank you,
Philip Troll, O.E.D.*



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David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

April 24, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bottomley
4816 Norbeck Road
Rockville, Maryland 20853-1617

Dear Mr. Bottomley:

I am writing to share with you the interim results of the 24-hour noise measurement study performed at your home, located along MD 32 (Norbeck Road). A chart and graph which depict the results of the test are enclosed for your information.

The chart lists the ambient noise levels, which were continuously monitored at 15 minute intervals over the length of the 24 hour study. The graph displays the Leq line, also called the equivalent sound level, which represents the average noise levels for each hour of the test period. This Leq line is then presented in relationship to the noise impact threshold, as shown by the horizontal line labeled 66 dBA.

A complete Highway Traffic Noise Measurement Study report is being completed and will be forwarded to you within the next two weeks. This complete report will cover prior studies and explain in detail the evaluation procedures as well as the actual analysis and results.

Thank you for your support and patience in this concern. In the meantime, if you have any questions, or would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to call me at (410) 545-8601.

Sincerely,

Ken Polcak
Environmental Specialist
Noise Abatement Team
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: James Hade, RLA, Team Leader for Noise Abatement, SHA

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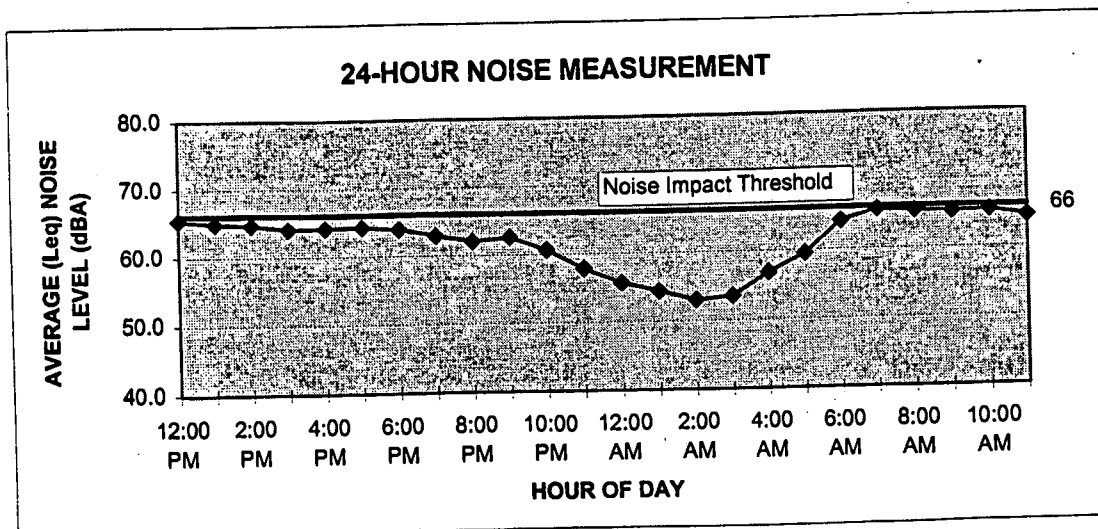
24-HOUR NOISE MEASUREMENT STUDY

Test date: 4/3/97 -Start
4/4/97 -End

Route: MD 28 (Norbeck Road)
 Location: Bottomley Residence - 4816 Norbeck Road
 Between Bel Pre Rd./Emory La. and Westbury Rd.

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David L. Winstead
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May 20, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bottomley
4816 Norbeck Road
Rockville MD 20853-1617

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bottomley:

I am writing to you as a follow-up to the letter you received from Mr. Ken Polcak of my staff regarding the recent noise measurement studies conducted at your home adjacent to MD 28 (Norbeck Road). A copy of the final study report is enclosed for your information.

The study found that for the areas of concern, the past analysis which predicted future noise levels from the completed expansion of MD 28 were quite accurate. Noise levels at your home were found to equal 66 dBA during the peak traffic hour in the morning. The contents of the report should provide you with a full understanding of the analysis approach and results, however I would like to offer some additional comments regarding the latest results, and previous analyses as they relate to this area.

In this particular instance, it was determined previously that a noise barrier in this area would not be feasible and of very limited benefit. The only possible location for a barrier would have to be on the curbed grass divider between the service road and MD 28. However, there are safety and sight-distance considerations which make such a proposal a non-feasible solution. If this been a feasible option in your area, it would have been implemented as part of the previous MD 28 expansion project. Only in limited areas along MD 28, where the curbed divider was sufficiently wide, and where the roadway geometry allowed were small earth mounds with some landscaping provided as part of the previous MD 28 expansion project. One such area, was in the vicinity of the other noise testing site discussed in the report.

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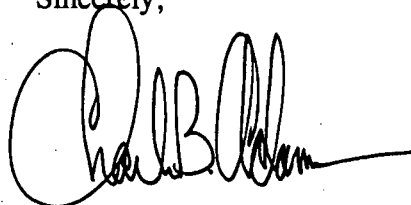
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bottomley
May 20, 1997

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I regret that we cannot offer a more positive response, but hope we have helped to clarify the key issues involved, and how the situation was addressed in our previous studies. Please feel free to contact Mr. Ken Polcak of our Noise Abatement Team if you have any questions. Ken's telephone number is (410) 545-8601.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles B. Adams', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Ken Polcak
Noise Abatement Team



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State Highway Administration**

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David L. Winstead
Secretary

Parker F. Williams
Administrator

April 17, 1997

Mr. John Brown
7701 Groton Drive
Bethesda MD 20814

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter is a follow up to the meeting held at your home recently about noise from the Capital Beltway. I promised to provide you with a history of the decision process on noise barriers along the beltway in this area. Enclosed for your information is a summary of the analyses performed for the improvements to both the beltway and the west spur of I-270.

Included in this information are excerpts from the approved environmental documents for the improvements and agreements between SHA and CABN (Citizens Against Beltway Noise) and SHA and Montgomery County related to the construction of two noise barriers along the section of the beltway from Bradley Boulevard south to the Potomac River. I am also enclosing a copy of our revised noise barrier policy. When we met, you or one of your neighbors mentioned that there were homes in your community which predated the construction of the beltway. This is different than the information we have been able to obtain through county records and if correct, your community may be eligible for consideration under our Type II or retrofit noise program. I would certainly appreciate any information you could provide to help us verify this statement. Please give me a call when you have had a chance to review this information and I would be glad to meet with you again to discuss any questions you have.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

cc: Mr. John Lewis, Jr.

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bcc: Mr. James Hade
Mr. Charlie Watkins

February 13, 1997

Mr. Charles V. Adams, Director
Environmental Design
Maryland Department of Highways
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

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RE: Carderock Springs I-495 Beltway noise

Dear Mr. Adams:

We live adjacent to the I-495 Beltway's outer-loop in the Carderock Springs Subdivision (see attached map). I have lived next to the Beltway in Carderock for 30 years. Since I originally moved into the neighborhood, the Beltway has dramatically increased in size, grown in elevation, and has become much louder during the evenings and weekends.

From our lower level family room and kitchen we can see the "Exit 39" sign and trucks moving by. From the second story of our house we can see cars and their headlights traveling South at night. A few years ago, the Beltway was widened and most of the forest which buffered our property was removed. A hill was created and pine trees planted along the slopes. While the hill appears impressive from the Beltway, the top is actually lower than the yard outside our house. Because of this difference in elevation, the hill does nothing to screen the traffic or to minimize the increased level of noise.

The only real solution to reduce the noise level is to build a wall (preferably of wood) along the top of the hill. Even though a wall may not impede visibility from the second floor, it would greatly help buffer the noise and unsightliness of the Beltway from our family room and outdoor spaces.

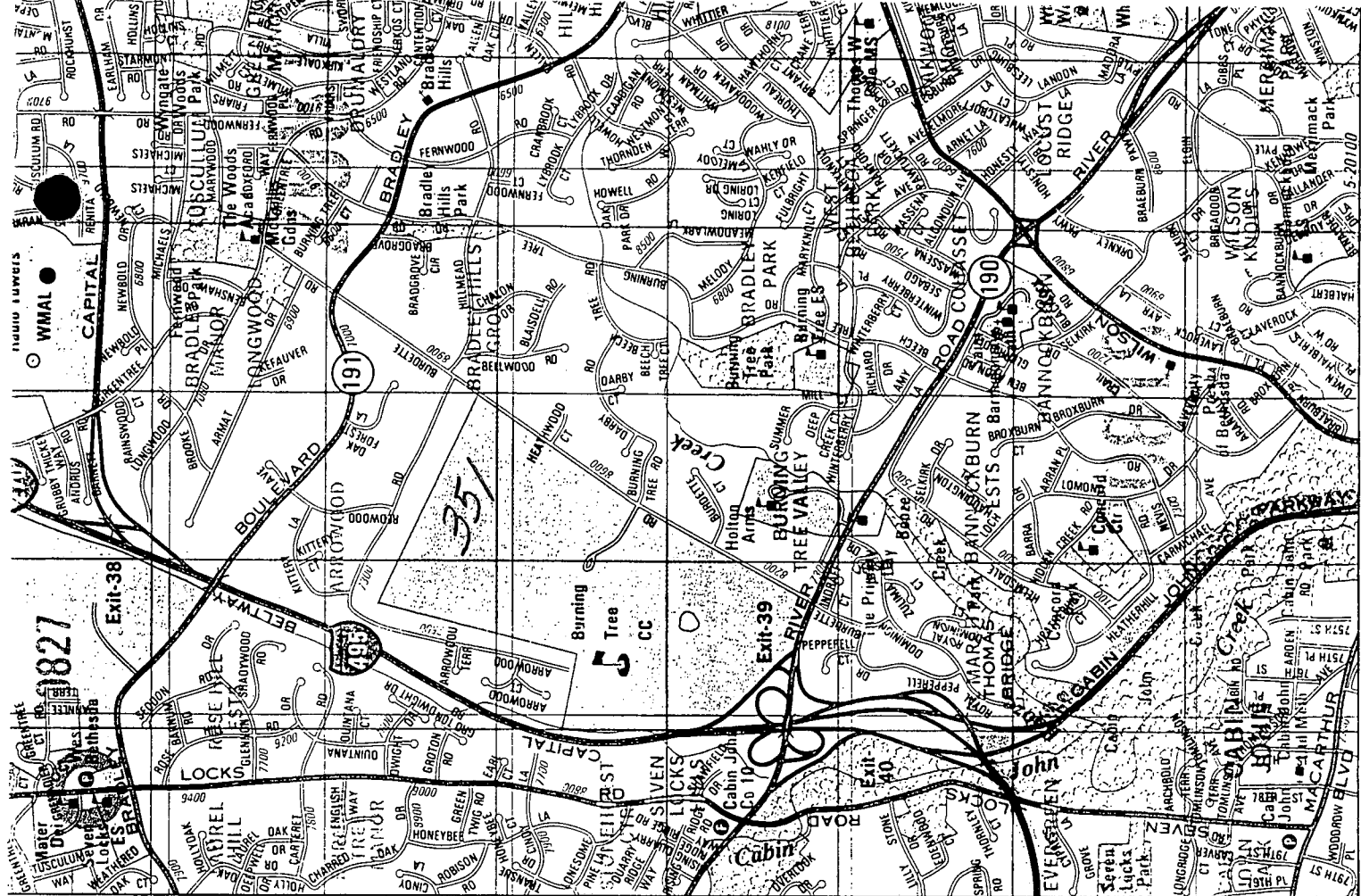
We would be glad to meet with you or others at our property or at your office to discuss mitigation solutions further.

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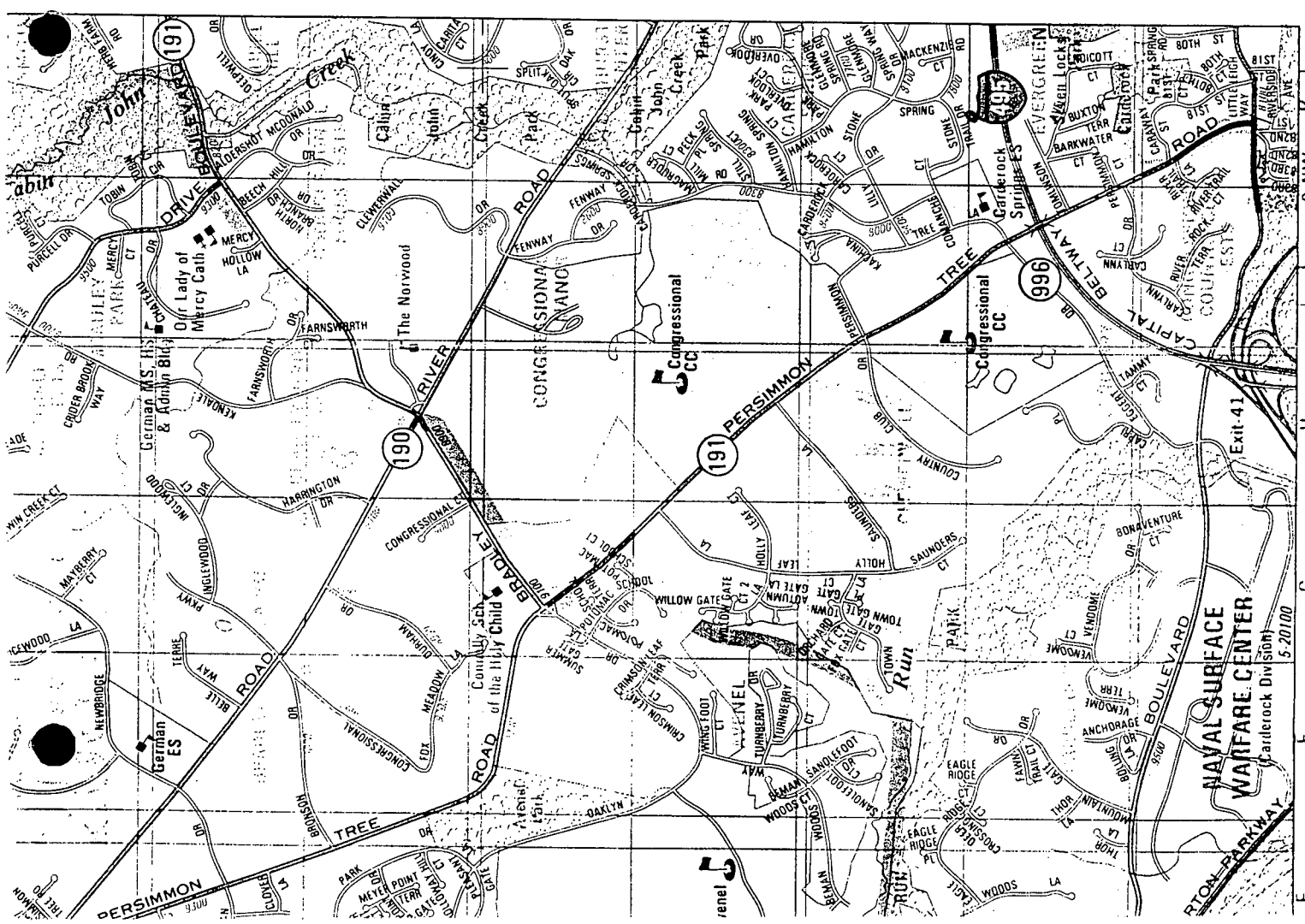


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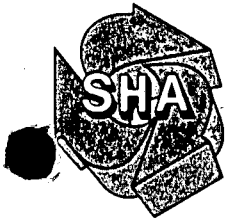
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State Highway Administration

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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March 18, 1997

Mr. John Brown
7701 Groton Drive
Bethesda MD 20814

Dear Mr. Brown:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and your neighbors on March 12 to discuss your concerns about noise from the Capital beltway and how you may qualify for a noise barrier. I'm sorry that I can't recall everyone's name but am sure we will be seeing one another again soon.

I will be away from the office until March 26 and will forward the promised background information about previous noise barriers studies conducted for your community. When you receive this information and have had a chance to review it, I will be glad to meet with you to answer any questions you may have. Lastly, we'll need to wait until next year for the Terps to redeem themselves, although I think they did exceed early expectations this past year.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Environmental Design

cc: J Noise Abatement Team
Mr. Charlie Watkins

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Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Brown
1131 Ingate Road
Baltimore MD 21227

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brown:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Parris N. Glendening about a noise barrier for the Riverchase community. The Governor has received your letter and asked that I respond on his behalf. I understand your concerns and would like to explain the way in which we approach situations such as yours.

When deciding where noise barriers are constructed, there are several factors which must be considered. Whether, the homes predate the original construction of the adjacent highway, whether the noise levels equal or exceed an impact threshold of 66 decibels (dBA), and whether an effective noise barrier can be constructed for a reasonable cost.

Through discussions with Mr. Charlie Adams, Director of SHA's Office of Environmental Design, it was determined that the Riverchase community is not eligible for noise barriers because the homes were constructed after the highway. At the community meeting attended by Mr. Adams, he explained that if the criteria guidelines were curved, and a barrier built for Riverchase, the state would then be liable to those communities denied barriers based on the date of development criterion. While the cost to build a noise barrier for your community may not seem expensive, the ultimate cost for those communities previously rejected due to the date of development criteria would cost millions of dollars which are not available.

Thank you again for your letter. I only wish that there could be a positive solution to your situation. However, I hope you understand the position we must take. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call Mr. Charlie Adams at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, Environmental Design, SHA
Mr. Parker Williams, Administrator, SHA

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Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Brown

bcc: Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA
Mr. Ken Polcak, Noise Abatement Team, SHA
Mr. Dave Malkowski, District Engineer, SHA



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October 28, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Brummel
20 Arverne Court
Timonium MD 21029

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Brummel:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting a sound barrier along I-83 for the Mays Chapel community. I would like to bring you up to date on the consideration of a sound barrier for your community.

The Maryland Department of Transportation established a sound barrier policy in 1987 to guide decision making on where barriers were built. One of the key components of that policy was the requirement that to be considered for a sound barrier, homes had to predate the highway. In December of 1996, revisions to that policy were completed and a number of revisions were made. One of the provisions that remained unchanged is the date of eligibility. The Mays Chapel community does not meet this basic criteria and cannot be considered for a sound barrier. While we certainly understand your concerns, the date criteria is a basic requirement of our noise policy.

I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response to your inquiry. A copy of SHA's Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide, our noise policy and the Highway Traffic Noise brochure from the Federal Highway Administration are enclosed for your information.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you should have any other questions or on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams
Director
Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: Mr. James D. Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, SHA

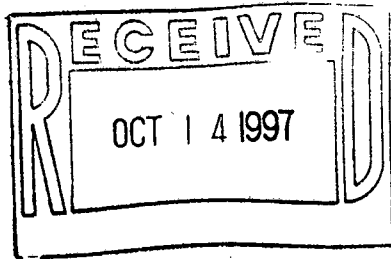
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bcc: Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway
Administration
Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Landscape Architecture Division, State
Highway Administration



Eugene R. and Rose M. Brummel
20 Arverne Court, Timonium, MD 21093
9 October 1997

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Mr. Charles Adams, Director, Environmental Design
State Highway Administration, PO Box 717
Baltimore, MD 21203

Dear Mr. Adams:

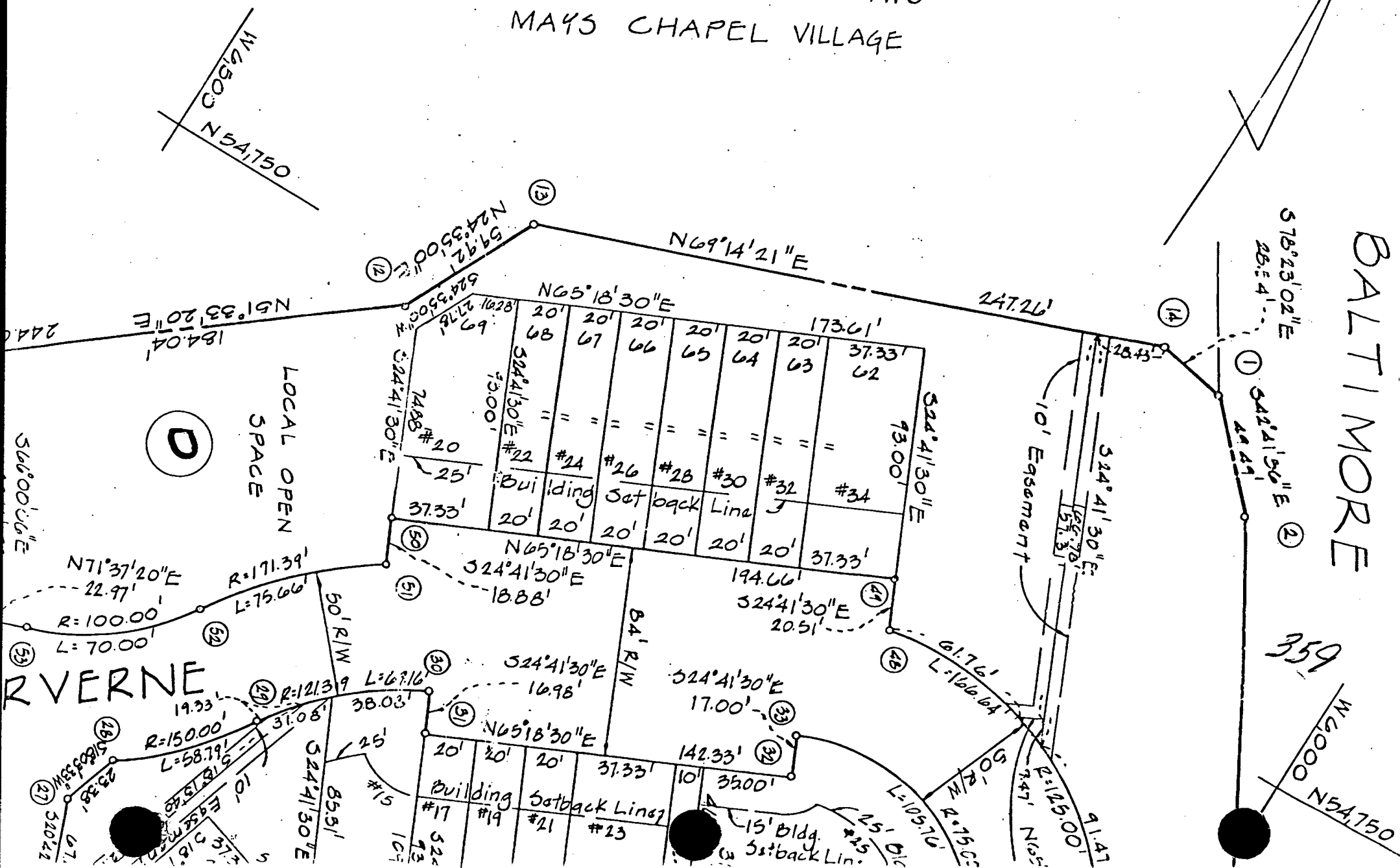
This is to request your assistance in encouraging construction at the earliest possible time by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDDOT) of an adequate noise barrier wall addition to run northerly of Timonium Road along the western side of I-83 (the Baltimore/Harrisburg Expressway) in Baltimore County. This location is approximately between I-83 EXITS 16 and 17 where the highway borders town homes and apartments in Mays Chapel Village.

We are owner-occupants in one of the 69 brick town houses located in Section 2 of Mays Chapel Village. We are located on Lot 69 approximately 300 feet west of the travel lanes of I-83, at the most westerly of a group of 8 homes, shown on a copy of the subdivision plat (attached herewith). We and our neighbors suffer more or less continuously from high automobile and truck traffic-noise levels, that evidently have increased. Northerly from our south lot line (if extended easterly to I-83 right-of-way) for a distance of about 300 feet there is a gap in the existing earth-berm. No berm or wall was constructed in this 300' strip by the contractor who originally built the Mays Chapel homes, nor by the highway department. Ground elevation is below the pavement of I-83 and only a thin line of trees separates the houses from highway traffic. Our rear yard area is most exposed to this part of the highway. Our first and second floor deck doors also the third floor windows must be kept closed, otherwise traffic sounds interfere with normal conversations in the living space inside the house. The patio and second-floor deck areas are essentially useless because traffic noise from I-83 interrupts normal conversations. (How could the contractor have been issued a building permit that allowed this gap in the existing berm? Or, was there no enforcement? Nevertheless, due perhaps to its small size, the existing earthen berm covered with planted trees that runs north and south of this "gap" seems to be ineffective as a noise barrier. Some of the trees on it also may have died this year. Noise levels are very noticeable almost anywhere west of the earth berm, compared with locations west of the wall that was built southerly from the Pinewood School grounds).

Any effort made by you to alleviate this problem will be greatly appreciated.

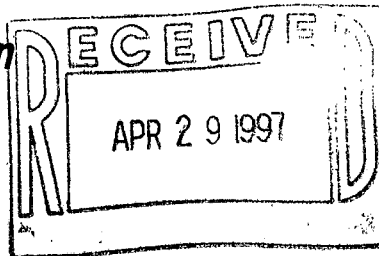
Sincerely,
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Noise Team - FY1
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
David L. Winstead
Secretary
Parker F. Williams
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PLEASE REPLY TO :
OFFICE OF DISTRICT ENGINEER
5111 BUCKEYSTOWN PIKE
FREDERICK, MARYLAND 21701-8305

April 23, 1997

Mr. Chuck Casey
Willowood Home Owners Association
6581 Meadowfield Court
Elkridge, Maryland 21227

Re: Sound Evaluation
Willowood

Dear Mr. Casey:

Thank you for attending the public meeting on Wednesday, April 16, and for your phone call on Thursday. Your concerns with the increasing traffic noise in the Willowood development is understandable. Please accept my apologies for the poor responses we offered at the meeting. I had anticipated that our expert in these matters would be attending. However, our expert had conflicting meetings at that time and therefore a substitute was sent.

I have talked with Mr. Charles Adams, our Director of Environmental Design about your concerns with the increase in traffic noise. The noise evaluations must be scheduled and I will notify you as soon as that happens.

Additionally, I have enclosed a copy of the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration Noise Policy for your information. If you wish to have additional copies, please let me know. Upon review of the policy I believe you will recognize that the Willowood Development meets the "Noise Barriers With New Construction or Reconstruction of a State Highway (Type I)". The Appeals process is explained and is consistent with the comments I made regarding the complexity of the ultimate determination to build or not to build noise barriers.

Again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Fisher
District Engineer

Enclosure

cc:

~~C. Adams~~
A. Smith
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April 28, 1997

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Mr. Louis A. Cecchini
16200 Laurel Ridge Drive
P.O. Box 215
Laurel MD 20707

Dear Mr. Cecchini:

It is my pleasure to advise you that an agreement has been reached between the State and Prince George's County on the funding for the Laurel Ridge sound barrier. This project, which was a personal priority of mine, was made possible by working in partnership with Senator Martin G. Madden, Delegates Frank Turner, Shane Pendergrass, John S. Morgan, and County Executive Wayne Curry.

You and your neighbors have been awaiting this much needed project for some time. Thank you for your patience, and I am pleased that we will be moving forward quickly with this important project. The design is currently being completed and the project is expected to be put out for bids this Fall. Representatives from the State Highway Administration will contact you to schedule a community meeting to review the project details and schedule. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design with the State Highway Administration, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

Sincerely,

Parris N. Glendening
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cc: The Honorable Wayne Curry, County Executive, Prince George's County
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The Honorable Shane Pendergrass, Maryland House of Delegates
The Honorable Frank S. Turner, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
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bcc: Mr. James Hade, Team Leader, Noise Abatement Team, State Highway
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Mr. Charlie Watkins, District 3 Engineer, State Highway Administration

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Mr. John M. Cece
7004 Kepner Court
Lanham MD 20706

Dear Mr. Cece:

It is my pleasure to advise you that an agreement has been reached between the State and Prince George's County on the funding for noise barrier for the Kingswood/Goodluck Estates community. This project, which was a personal priority of mine, was made possible by working in partnership with Senator Leo E. Green, Delegates Joan Pitkin, James Hubbard, Mary Conroy, and County Executive Wayne Curry.

You and your neighbors have been awaiting this much needed project for some time. Thank you for your patience, and I am pleased that we will be moving forward quickly with this important project. The design is currently being completed and the project is expected to be put out for bids this Fall. Representatives from the State Highway Administration will contact you to schedule a community meeting to review the project details and schedule. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design with the State Highway Administration, who may be reached at (410) 545-8640.

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The Honorable Joan Pitkin, Maryland House of Delegates
Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
Administration
Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration
The Honorable David L. Winstead, Secretary, Maryland Department of
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Mr. Charlie Watkins, District 3 Engineer, State Highway Administration



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September 12, 1997

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Colburn
81 Blondell Court
Timonium MD 21093

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Colburn:

Thank you for your recent letter to Baltimore County Executive Ruppertsberger regarding noise issues along I-83. I have received a copy of the Director of Public Works, Mr. Charles Olsen's, response to your inquiry and would like to bring you up to date on the subject of sound barriers for the Mays Chapel Village community.

Your community is not eligible for a barrier because the homes were built after the construction of the highway. The date criterion as defined in our noise policy only allows for consideration of barriers for communities where the majority of impacted homes existed prior to the highway.

I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response to your inquiry. A copy of SHA's Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide, our noise policy and the Highway Traffic Noise brochure from the Federal Highway Administration are enclosed for your information.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you should have any other questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger, Baltimore County Executive
Mr. Charles R. Olsen, Director, Baltimore County Department of Public Works
~~Mr. James D. Hade~~, Noise Abatement Team Leader, State Highway
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Towson, Maryland 21204
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August 22, 1997

Mr. & Mrs. John J. Colburn
81 Blondell Court
Timonium, Maryland 21093

RE: I-83/Sound Barriers

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Colburn:

Thank you for your recent letter to County Executive Ruppertsberger regarding noise barriers along I-83.

As you may be aware the State Highway Administration revised their sound barrier policy late last year. It is our understanding that they are currently reevaluating a number of community situations including several along I-83. They expect to have their assessment completed by the end of the summer.

I have asked Mr. Charles Adams, State Highway Administration's Director of Environmental Design to contact you directly with the results. If you have additional questions and need to contact him directly, he can be reached at (410) 545-8640.

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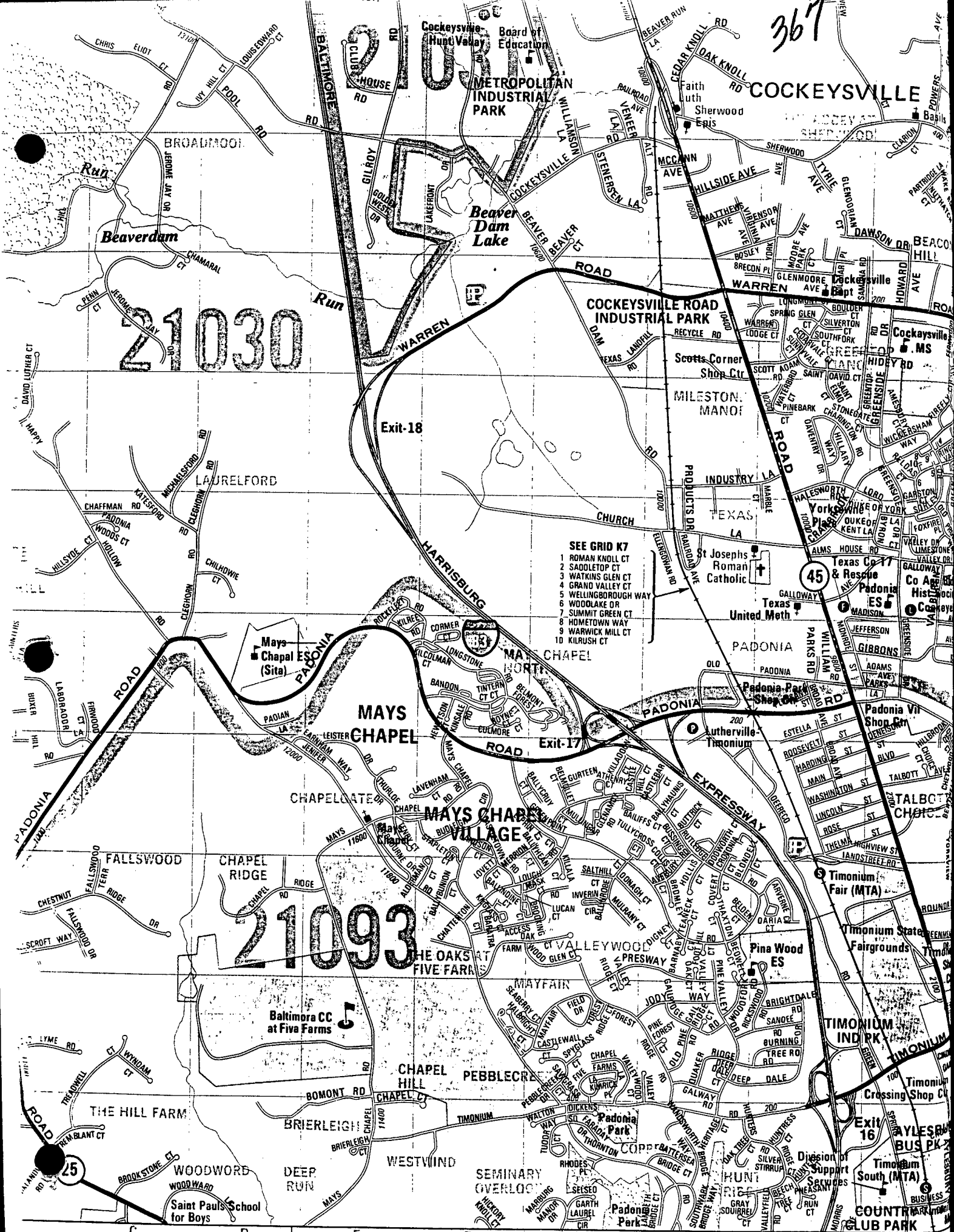
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Charles R. Olsen, Director
Department of Public Works

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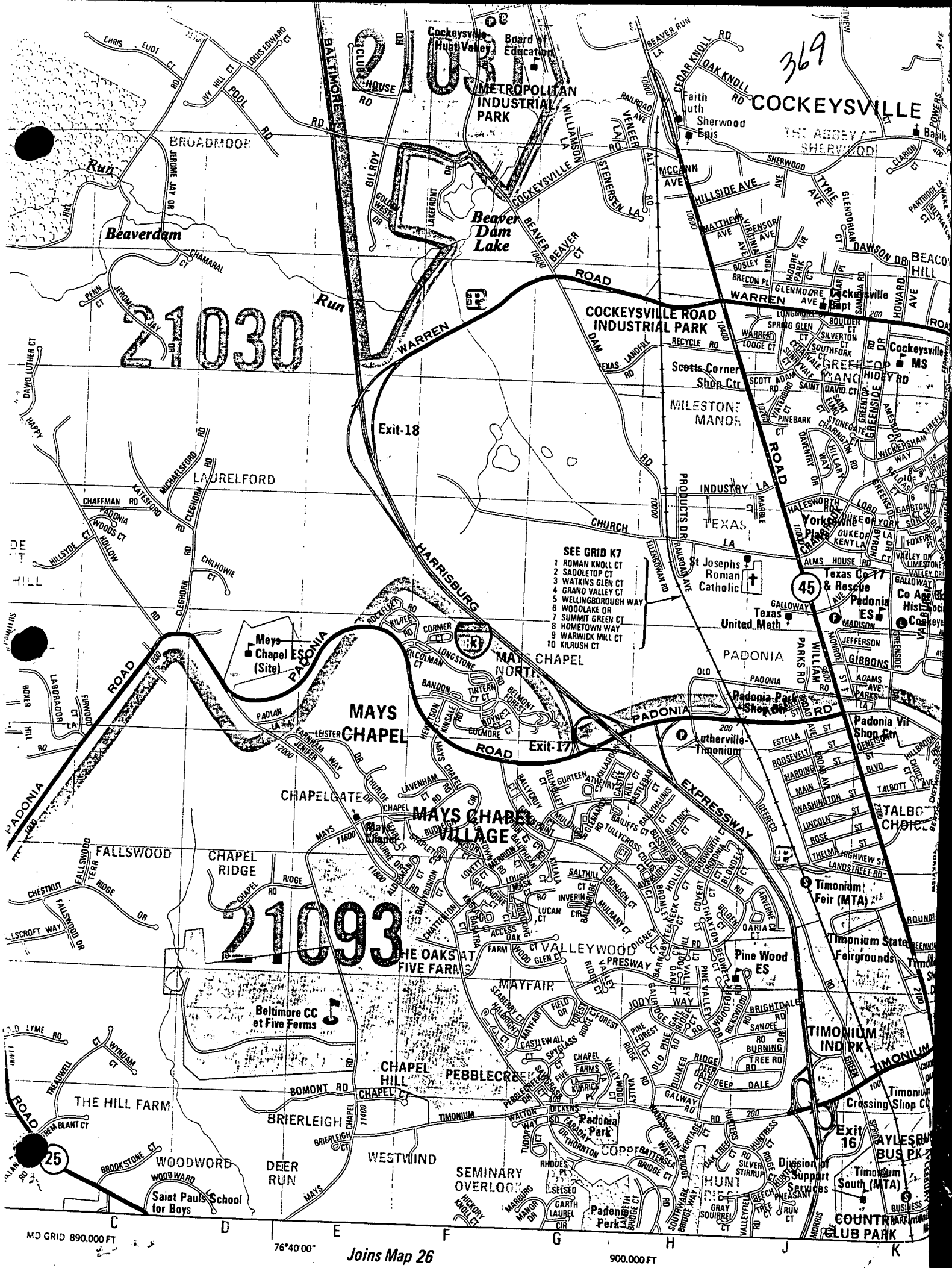
Sincerely,

Signed by Charles R. Olsen

Charles R. Olsen, Director
Department of Public Works

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✓ Mr. Charles Adams, SHA



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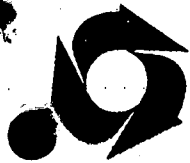
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Parris N. Glendening
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Deputy Secretary

October 3, 1997

Ms. Sharon Love Cole
1 Woodholme Village Court
Pikesville MD 21208

Dear Ms. Cole:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding noise from I-695. I understand your concerns and I will explain the way in which we approach situations such as yours.

The Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA) noise abatement program has two elements referred to as Type I and Type II. Type I noise barriers, if warranted, are built in conjunction with new roadway construction or expansion of existing highways. When deciding where to build a barrier, we perform an environmental analysis during the highway planning process to see whether future noise levels will equal or exceed an impact threshold and, if so, whether they can be reduced for a reasonable cost. The homes must predate the approval date of the highway improvements to be considered for this program. Currently, the noise threshold level that must be met or exceeded is 66 decibels (dBA).

The Type II (retrofit) program, involves the construction of noise barriers for communities along existing highways. For communities to qualify, they must pre-date the original highway. One intent of this program is to provide a way to address areas of noise impact that may have resulted from highway construction that occurred before noise impact analyses became a part of the highway development process. Analysis will determine if existing noise levels equal or exceed the impact threshold. If so, further evaluation is performed to see if an effective barrier can be built for a reasonable cost. I assure you each of the communities protected by noise barriers meet all of the applicable criteria for either the Type I or Type II program.

The noise walls that are currently being constructed between MD 140 and I-83 for the communities which you noted post-date the construction of I-695 and qualify under the Type I component of our noise policy. These walls are being built as part of the Beltway widening project. Currently there are no plans to widen the Beltway between Reisterstown Road and Old Court Road. The I-695/I-795 interchange was constructed to accommodate future widening projects on either side of the interchange. The noise walls currently under construction on I-695 between I-70 and US 40 are Type II walls. The majority of the houses within the project limits bordering I-695 pre-dated the highway.

My telephone number is 410-865-1000

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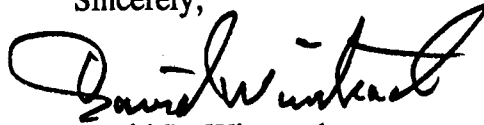
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The majority of the homes in your community were constructed in 1978, approximately one year after the approval of the I-695/I-795 interchange on January 27, 1977 and therefore are not eligible for a barrier. I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response to your inquiry. A copy of SHA's Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide and our noise policy are enclosed for your information.

Again thank you for your letter. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,



David L. Winstead
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director of Environmental Design, State Highway
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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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Ms. Sharon Blankenship, Secretary, Landscape Architecture Division, State Highway Administration

Ms. Claire DeBakey, Special Assistant to the Administrator, State Highway Administration

Ms. Leslie Frelow, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

Mr. James Hade, Noise Abatement Team Leader, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, Office of Environmental Design, State Highway Administration

Drafted by: Fred Eisen, OED/LAD/NAT -- SEPTEMBER 17, 1997

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David L. Winstead
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Parker F. Williams
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DATE: Sept 16th '97

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
DESIGN

Noise Abatement Design
and Analysis Section

TO: Ms Karen Cook ~ 410-222-1441 - A.A. City Council
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

FROM: Philip Trull ~ 410-545-8600
(NAME/OFFICE/TELEPHONE)

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Please forward this transmittal to the appropriate person as soon as possible. If you have any problems with this transaction, please call our office at (410) 545-8641. The telephone number for the FAX machine at State Highway Administration's Office of Environmental Design is (410) 209-5003.

Thank you for your cooperation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/COMMENTS: _____

Warning Ms Cook
Here is a faxed version of the Community Resources
guide - It should help to give you a quick primer
on SHA's Sound Barrier Program. If I can be of any
further help, don't hesitate to give Jim Wade, or myself, a call

Philip Trull
Office of Environmental Design

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From: Philip Troll
To: IRENE, SHARON
Date: September 16, 1997 (Tuesday) 10:47am
Subject: ADDITION TO OUR MAILING LIST

Hi folks,

I just had a nice long talk with a Ms. Karen Cook, with the A.A. Cty. Council about the Riverview situation. She was totally unaware of Mrs. Storm's activism and the ongoing form letter camapaigns from those two communitites. The short version is she is now up to speed and wants to be includedon the mailing list.

Here is the info I rec'vd from her:

Karen Cook
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I don't think, and she made no reference to her being Pres of the Council -- but you may want to check the Orange and Black book to check a title if any.

Thanks,
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CC: JIM

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Ms. Sharon Love Cole
1 Woodholme Village Court
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Dear Ms. Cole:

Thank you for your letter concerning noise from I-695. I understand your concerns and would like to explain the way in which we approach situations such as yours.

The Maryland State Highway Administration's (SHA), noise abatement program has two elements referred to as Type I and Type II. With the Type I program, noise barriers, if warranted, are built in conjunction with new roadway construction or expansion of existing highways. When deciding where to build a barrier, we perform an environmental analysis during the highway planning process, to see whether future noise levels will equal or exceed an impact threshold and, if so, whether they can be reduced for a reasonable cost. The homes must predate the approval date of the highway improvements to be considered for this program. Currently, the noise threshold level that must be met or exceeded is 66 decibels (dBA).

The Type II (retrofit) program, involves the construction of noise barriers for communities along existing highways. For communities to qualify, they must pre-date the original highway. One intent of this program is to provide a way to address areas of noise impact that may have resulted from highway construction that occurred before environmental analysis became a part of the highway development process. Analysis will determine if existing noise levels equal or exceed the impact threshold. If so, further evaluation is performed to see if an effective barrier can be built for a reasonable cost. I assure you each of the communities protected by noise barriers meet all of the applicable criteria for either the Type I or Type II program.

The noise walls that are currently being constructed between MD 140 and I-83 for the communities which you noted post-date the construction of I-695 qualify under our Type I noise policy. These walls are being built as part of the Beltway widening project. Currently there are no plans to widen the Beltway between Reisterstown Road and Old Court Road. The I-695/I-795 interchange was constructed to accommodate future widening projects on either side of the interchange. The noise walls currently under construction on I-695 between I-70 and US 40 are Type II walls. The majority of the houses within the project limits bordering I-695 pre-dated the highway.

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The majority of the homes in your community were constructed in 1978, approximately one year after the approval of the I-695/I-795 interchange on January 27, 1977 and therefore not eligible for a barrier. I regret that we cannot provide you with a more positive response to your inquiry. A copy of SHA's Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide and our noise policy are enclosed for your information.

Once again thank you for your interest in our noise abatement program. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

Enclosures: Community Resource Guide
Noise Policy

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Mr. Parker F. Williams, Administrator, State Highway Administration

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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
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September 10, 1997

PLEASE PREPARE RESPONSE
FOR SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE
Charlie Adams
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Mr. David L. Winstead
Secretary of the Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 8755- Elm Road
B.W.I Airport, Maryland 21240

Dear Mr. Winstead,

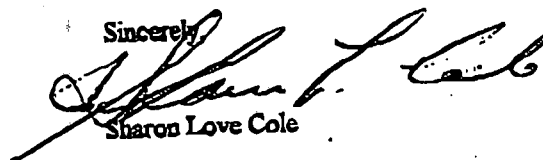
We are writing to you in desperation because we have been unable to get help in a matter of great importance to us and we are hoping you can be our 'Problem Solver'.

Our home is at 1 Woodholme Village Court which is backing onto the Baltimore Beltway #695 at exit 20 on the Eastbound side. The noise is intolerable! The homes in our neighborhood which back up to the Beltway (literally in their backyards) were promised (as we were) noise barriers. We were told a few years ago that we would be next to get noise barriers. WE ARE STILL WAITING! The State widened 695 near our house to add a lane leading to 795. They destroyed our existing landscaping and added NO noise barriers. Not only are we not better off, we are worse off because that additional lane created more noise and less trees!

We pay a great deal of taxes, and we believe that we have been continually denied noise barriers for no apparent reason. It has angered us even further to watch other neighborhoods which post-date the Beltway get noise barriers when several of the houses in our neighborhood PRE-DATE the Beltway. We have been unsuccessful in obtaining noise barriers. Why?

I look forward to a summer when I can enjoy a quiet evening sitting on my back porch, listening to the sound of crickets. Instead I hear trucks, emergency equipment, and heavy traffic! PLEASE HELP!

Sincerely,


Sharon Love Cole

c.c. Governor Parris Glendening
Mr. Charlie Adams
Mr. Fred Eisen



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December 19, 1997

Ms. Stell Congdon
President
Lake of the Pines Community Association
P.O. Box 57
Davidsonville MD 21035

Dear Ms. Congdon:

Thank you for your recent letter and petitions regarding noise issues along US 50 in Prince George's County. I appreciate the opportunity to update you on the subject of noise abatement and the Lake of the Pines community.

Our noise abatement policy allows us to consider mitigation for communities in which the homes impacted by highway noise were built before the Federal Highway Administration approved the highway improvements. The State Highway Administration (SHA) has determined the majority of the impacted homes in your community post-date approval of the work on US 50 and therefore do not qualify for sound barriers. While I certainly understand your concerns, the date criterion is a basic requirement of our policy.

Again, thank you for your letter. I regret we cannot provide you with a more positive response. A copy of SHA's Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide, our noise policy and the Highway Traffic Noise brochure from the Federal Highway Administration are enclosed for your use. If you need additional information regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Charles B. Adams, SHA's Director of Environmental Design, who may be reached at 410-545-8640 or, toll free, at 1-800-446-5962.

Sincerely,

David L. Winstead
Secretary

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Mr. Philip Troll, Noise Abatement Team, SHA

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SECRETARY DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Dear Mr. Winstead:

On behalf of the residents of Lake of the Pines Community of Davidsonville, Md. we would like to formally issue an appeal to the State Highway Administration regarding their decision to not incorporate noise abatement barriers in their Final Environmental Impact Document of March 30, 1982.

Secondly we would like to point out several circumstances which further compound the need for these barriers and would entail a reexamination of our Community based on the guidelines as set forth in your latest Maryland Department Of Transportation, State Highway Administration Noise Policy of December 9, 1996.

Initial Decision Appeal:

It is our understanding, after meeting with Mr. Charles Adams of your Department, that at the time of the Environmental Impact Review in the early 80's it was the State's policy to only consider *existing residences and structures* in determining the impact of noise on a community or property under the Federal Design Noise Levels.

Lake of the Pines is a community of 57 homes with development plats filed with Anne Arundel County in 1974. Seventy-five percent (75%) of these homes were already constructed at the time of this initial evaluation. However the remaining twenty-five percent (25%) were not. Unfortunately these remaining homes, which were constructed and sold in the mid 80's, were the most impacted by the widening of Route 50 because of their location on Village Lake Drive which is adjacent and parallel to Route 50. Construction and completion of this Route 50 project occurred in the early 90's after these homes had been bought and occupied for several years. Recent testing (Spring '97) confirm that a sample of these homes exceed the 66 decibel threshold used by your department to determine eligibility for noise abatement consideration.

Subsequent Considerations:

- Increasing Route 50 from four to six lanes increased the highway capacity by an additional 50%. However because of the linkage with Interstate 97 as a major thruway alternate for interstate traffic from Baltimore to Richmond our community has seen a major increase in volume and in particular truck traffic. These trucks are the major contributor to the noise problem and run unabated virtually around the clock (between midnight and 6 AM) seven days a week.

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- Recent laws have precluded truck traffic from Route 424 between Routes 3 and 50. This has further contributed to Route 50 as a bypass by dump truck trash trucks from New York and New Jersey enroute to the landfill accessed by southbound Route 424.
- The increase this year in the posted speed limit from 55 to 65 miles per hour has created an increase in tire and engine noise as well as the volume of traffic (cars per hour).
- The widening of Route 50 took with it much of the natural tree buffer that had existed between the existing houses and the original four lane roadway. This has not only impacted, at least on a perceptual basis, the noise factor but has introduced a visual impact as well.

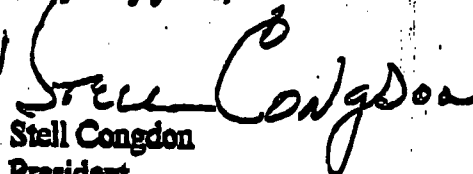
Conclusion:

We, the residents of Lake of the Pines Community, based on the evidence presented above and by our signatures (attached) believe that a reassessment under the current Noise Policy of the Maryland State Highway Administration is in order.

We further conclude that our review should take precedence over other more recent appeals due to the "grandfathered" oversight in the original Final Environmental Impact Statement of 1982.

Should you have any questions pertaining to this appeal and petition please feel free to contact either the writer (301-261-6440) or Herb Sheppard (301-858-0302) who is Chairman of the Special Committee which was appointed by the Board to address this serious issue of Noise Abatement.

Very truly yours,



Stell Congdon

President

Lake of the Pines

Community Association

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Davidsonville, MD 21035

cc: Mr. Charles B. Adams, Director, SHA Office of Environmental Design
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State Delegate Marsha G. Perry

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We, the undersigned residents of the Lake of the Pines Community, fully support the pursuit and construction of adequate Noise Abatement Barriers between our Community and Route 50 by the Maryland State Highway Administration in cooperation with Federal and Local governments and their agents.

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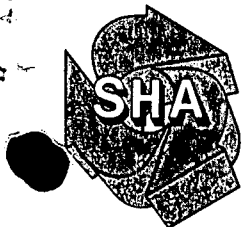
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August 5, 1997

Mr. Richard Cronin
244 Kirkley Road
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Cronin:

Enclosed is the copy of the revised consultant's report which you requested on the recent highway traffic noise measurements conducted in the Riverview Manor and Lindamoor communities adjacent to US 50 in Anne Arundel County. The report includes a summary and discussion of the results, as well as maps and diagrams showing the exact locations where each test was conducted.

Enclosed for your use, is a copy of the State Highway Administration (SHA) Sound Barrier Community Resource Guide, as well as a copy of our current noise policy. I hope you found the information we faxed to you for the meeting on July 30, to be informative and helpful in answering some of your fellow homeowners concerns.

A number of communities that experience traffic noise impacts similar to the Riverview Manor and Lindamoor area are presently being evaluated and reviewed by SHA. Once these analyses are finished, a priority list will be established for those communities where noise barriers are determined to be warranted. We anticipate that this review will be concluded by the end of this summer and we will contact you with the results as they become available.

Thank for your continuing interest in this issue. In the meantime, if you should have any other questions or concerns on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Hade of our Noise Abatement Team, who may be reached at (410) 545-8599.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Adams

Director

Office of Environmental Design

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